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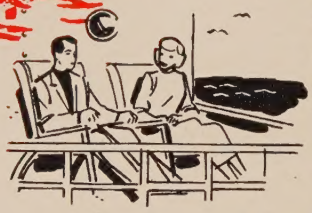

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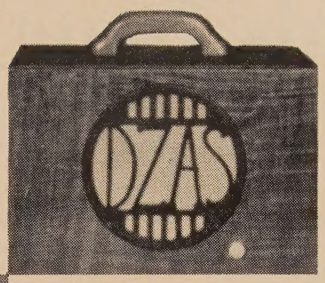

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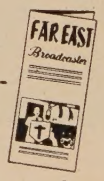

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In This Issue

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Formosa — Attention-getter

AS THIS issue of CHRISTIAN LIFE goes to press the spotlight of world attention is still poised directly over the diminutive island of Formosa. While world leaders watch for any indication of aggression on the part of Red China, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, leader of Nationalist China forces on the island stands out as one of the key figures in the picture.

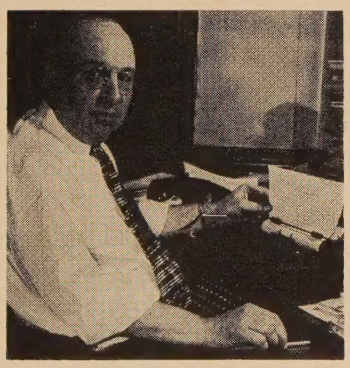
WATSON

Chiang's Christian faith has long been a matter of question in evangelical Christian circles. This month CHRISTIAN LIFE presents a photographic interview in which Chiang gives his outspoken opinions on current events in the light of biblical revelation, as well as problems of the missionaries who face such tremendous opposition at Taiwan.

This report was secured by Tom Watson, Evangelical Alliance missionary to Japan and Korea. Several years ago in Florida, where he was pursuing a career in a private radio station, Watson was challenged by a Korean pastor to start a radio station in that country. Watson, who is now working on the establishing of a Christian radio station in Seoul, Korea, has been engaged in administrative work on the staff of a Japanese radio station.

Korea at the Crossroads

OF ALL COUNTRIES of the world, none is more battered and bruised than Korea today. Yet, at the same time, in no other country does there appear to be more spiritual interest. (See page 39.)



MC DERMOTT

Faced with the evacuation of part of the forces of the U. S. army, Korea now is confronted with new dangers of Communist infiltration. Despite this, doughty Syngman Rhee, Korean president, has encouraged missionaries to present the Gospel in his country. An avowed Christian himself (see "Christian's Triumph in Korea," CHRISTIAN LIFE, August, 1951) Rhee has stoutly withstood every effort on the part of the United Nations to capitulate to Communism.

As a result, CHRISTIAN LIFE Magazine has commissioned noted magazine writer, William F. McDermott, former religious editor of the Chicago *Daily News*, to report on the spiritual life of Korea and its people.

CHRISTIAN LIFE readers, already well-informed on the background of this country by articles from correspondents Don Hoke, Fred Jarvis and Bob Pierce, will find new enlightenment and inspiration in this new series of articles by McDermott to appear in forthcoming issues.

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NEXT MONTH

Puzzled over a Christmas gift for your pastor or church? You'll find a listing of practical suggestions gleaned from a nationwide survey.

A dynamic Christian personality, Dr. Vincent L. Brushwyler, is sketched with vigorous accuracy.

Christmas program preparation will be greatly simplified by the reviews of newly published material from various publishing houses.

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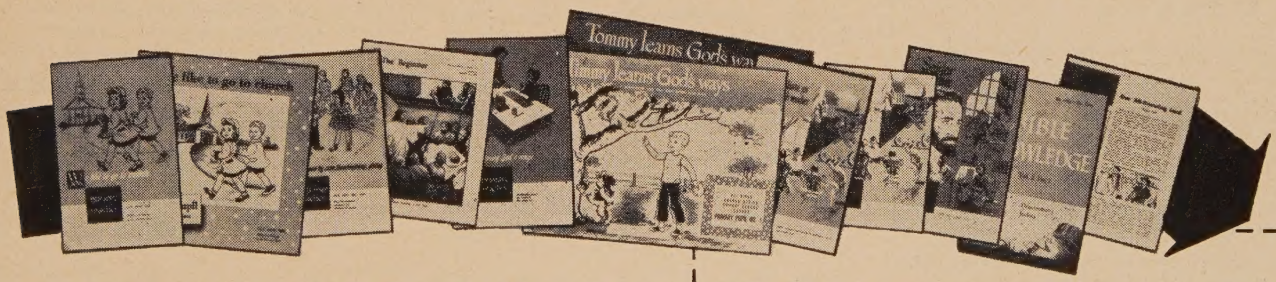

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I hope you folks didn't swallow that malarky you printed from the interview of A. W. Tozer. For if you did, you are denying the very thing which makes CHRISTIAN LIFE a charming and helpful publication—unique in its field! As I see it, you are not another journal dedicated to promoting the absolutely obscurantist viewpoints of the reactionary wing of fundamentalism, but are out to promote fresh new ideas; ideas that bring the wonderful old time truths of the solid gospel into focus with this breezy, fast-moving, clever, but Christ-rejecting age. Do you honestly think you can continue to do this by heeding that pious nonsense that you printed? For example, what would happen to that delightful Sunday school promotional contest under the pontifical statement, "Christian organizations can best contribute to genuine revival by following the methods of the New Testament instead of the methods of big business." D. L. Moody didn't believe that, nor does Billy Graham, nor do you, nor do I. What we believe in is a New Testament message in contemporary methodology—the truth, the power, *plus* the technique.

San Antonio, Tex. DR. STEUART MCBIRNIE
Trinity Baptist Church

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Congratulations for daring to print Dr. Tozer's views on the present condition of fundamentalism! It's time someone took a definite stand and answered this talk about "revival" in our country.

East Chicago, Ind. WARREN WIERSBE
Central Baptist Church

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Thanks especially for the fine article "Can Fundamentalism Be Saved?" By Dave Enlow.

Winnipeg, Man. MRS. E. R. TENNANT

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Dr. Tozer has the marks of a prophet and put his finger on the need.

Omaha, Neb. BUD PETERSEN
Evangelist

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I was delighted with your interview with Dr. Tozer. I had wondered if I was becoming prematurely senile, as I looked around at Christian organizations, and found so little depth in many of them. It looks as if many others are recognizing the same problem.

McClure, Ill. REV. PAUL A. MELLOW
Bible Baptist Church

Keep It Up

I certainly enjoy your column on recorded sacred music. Keep up the good work.

LaCrescenta, Calif. KERMIT C. HANSON

London Results

Having attended two Harringay meetings and the grand finale at Wembley of the Greater London Crusade, I would very much like to see the American reaction to the great things the Lord has done in London. My boss (a co-director of a 300 staff firm) and his wife surrendered to Christ at Harringay.

Sussex, England S. F. BURDEN

One Hit and Two Errors

We call your attention to a serious error in your September news section. You stated that Rev. Wm. H. Walker, general secretary of our mission, narrowly escaped death in the strafing of our Guatemalan mission station TGNA. Actually, it was Rev. Harold Van Broekhoven who was endangered. You also erroneously mentioned that two missionaries were in danger. Don Jorge Luis Batres is a national serving as announcer at the station, not a missionary.

Dallas, Tex. ANNA M. VAN HOOK
Central American Mission

Gospel in the Grandstand

In the August issue you have given a very inspiring article of a Church at work at the County Fair, and concluded that it was a pioneer work. This same kind of work was started at the St. Joseph County Fair (Mich.) in 1942 by my father, W. A. Barnes. Since that time he has not only had the same booth every year, but, in 1944, he started mass meetings in the grandstand, the Sunday afternoon opening the fair.

South Bend, Ind. MRS. LILLIAN DAY

Enjoyed Immensely

Here in Brazil, I enjoy CHRISTIAN LIFE immensely. I eagerly look forward to it every month. Have enjoyed the articles on the mission fields, especially those pertaining to South America. This is my first year on the mission field, and truly it has been a wonderful year. I would not exchange it for anything.

San Paulo, Brazil MARRIETTA GRIPPEN

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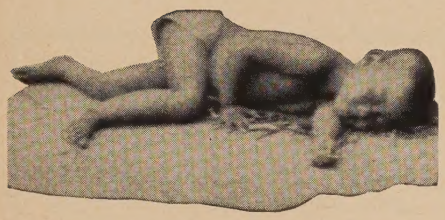

by Chaplain Boyd W. Davis

Famine, hunger, malnutrition, disease and sickness follow in the wake of war in this "land of the morning calm." Yes, Korea is called such, but hearts and minds of the people are far from calm. One cannot stand by without disturbing thoughts as he sees the little children suffer so. Many little ones have never laughed or smiled for they know very little of happiness. All their life has been hardship, hunger and abuse.

You ask, "How can I help?"

First, make Korea a matter of prayer, asking God to help her spiritually, (for they suffer as much from spiritual malnutrition as physical). HE WILL REVEAL SOMETHING FOR YOU TO DO. Second, become doers of the Word. Here are a few of the physical needs.

CLOTHING. In Korea I saw many children wearing rags — their entire wardrobe. Some were running in the streets naked. Often they travel in packs like animals. They rest wherever sleep overtakes them, dropping down in an alley, doorway or on the sidewalk.

BLANKETS. I found a little fellow about six years old sleeping alone in a deserted shack, with just a piece of canvas for cover against the cold of winter. I couldn't help but feel guilty for being so warmly dressed when one of God's little ones was suffering so.

FOOD. Wherever you go in Korea you are approached by dirty little children with their inevitable cans in hand, pleading for money for "chop-chop" (food). A soldier can do a little but he is limited.

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Quincy, Mass. MISS TYYNE PETERSON

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During my four years at Houghton College, I avidly read your magazine. Now that I'm in seminary and am engaged in church work, I have realized my need for such a magazine as yours. Not only the great spiritual articles but also the different "Reviews" and other items of tremendous interest make your publication indispensible in my library.

Pittsburgh, Pa. HUBERT F. JICHA, JR.

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CHRISTIAN LIFE Magazine was subscribed to by a close friend on this ship for quite some time, but he is now in the United States for discharge. The issues I read were so enlightening that I am ordering it for the profit of those in the Christian group remaining on this ship.

USS Manchester KENNETH D. STEELE, SKSN

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It has been the most wonderful blessing to me that your magazine has come into my hands.

Freeport, Texas MRS. S. M. BURNETT

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Saipan, Marianas Islands CLIFTON FORD

* * *

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I constantly find much inspiration and help from CHRISTIAN LIFE.

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We read every issue of CHRISTIAN LIFE and believe it is making a great contribution to the spiritual life of this nation.

Syracuse, N. Y. MRS. F. R. BIRCH
Wesleyan Methodist Missy. Soc.

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I like your stand as to mud slinging, etc. in regards to the Catholics. . .If we sling mud—we are likely to forget to win souls.

Saginaw, Mich. CARL T. NAGEL

True Meaning

The statement, "All of us must be sincere, acting Christians and not simply go around with a Christian label, seeking for worldly prestige," credited to Baron Von Blomberg, July CHRISTIAN LIFE, probably comes from a man who understands the true meaning of Heb. 5:4.

Alert Bay, B. C. EDWARD W. GREEN

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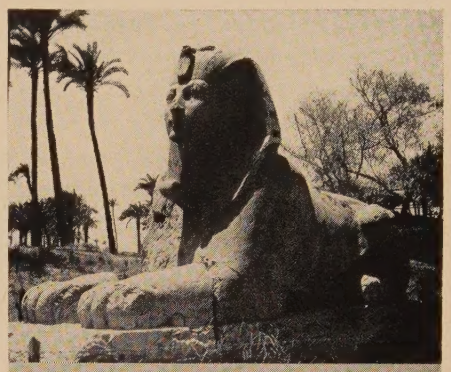

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The road to communism is paved with hunger, ignorance and lack of hope. Half of the school age children living in the world today do not attend school. If they did, they would be too hungry to study. What does a man, woman or child, without a roof over their heads, with no personal belongings whatever, save the rags wrapped around them, tormented with the inescapable lice, always hungry and above all facing only hopeless tomorrows—what do such have to lose if they listen to communist propaganda? Their resentment may any day ignite the spark that will explode the hydrogen bomb.

The misery of human beings is the most powerful weapon in the hands of the communists. It just can't go on. The world can't exist half stuffed and half starved. The rumble that is growing in intensity around the world is not the rumble in overfed stomachs. It is the fearsome and dangerous rumble in the empty stomachs of the world.

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I was stirred by the article in the August issue "They Invite Them To Come." I have taken it to our pastor, and who knows but God will do the same for us here. When I found that we have a larger population than Chattanooga by about 30,000, all I could do was thank our Lord for showing me this great mission field, so near at hand.

Calgary, Alta. DON EYESTONE

Christian Life Evangelists

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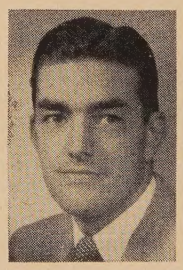

RALPH WILLIAMS

Independent Congregational Church, Otho, Iowa, Sept. 21-Oct. 3; Crane Addition Community Church, Austin, Minn., Oct. 5-17; Community Alliance Church, Newton, Iowa, Oct. 20-31.

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CHRISTIAN LIFE PROFILE

He Answered God's Call

Business Experience Shows 1953 Prize Winner Value of Sunday School Contest

IT WOULD take a sizeable jolt to make any man give up a prosperous and promising career and start his life over again as a student minister.

But with Harold W. Jefferies, it wasn't so much a jolt as it was a quiet conviction born out of a message from the late evangelist, Paul Rader.

Jefferies, who was later to go on and start a church at Portland, Ore., and build it into one of the nation's foremost Christian fortresses, heard the message at Angelus Temple in 1925.

He went into that service as manager of one of the largest stores in a nationwide chain. He came out a humble servant of God, and, in his own mind, at least, jobless. Next morning he walked into the office of the chain's general manager, threw his store keys on the table and said, "I'm resigning. God wants me to preach."

What may have kept this move from being a jolt was a great layer of cushioning prayer that probably had been going up for young Jefferies all his life.

He was born in Ringwood, Okla., the son of a newsman and general merchandiser. His father was also an elder in the Methodist Church, and both his grandfathers were Methodist ministers. They undoubtedly had prayed long for Harold, but this, of course, didn't make Harold a Christian.

When Harold was quite young, the family moved to Wichita, Kan. There, at the age of 17, he ran off and got married. His bride was 16.

One year later the late Aimee Semple MacPherson, founder of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, came to Wichita to hold a campaign. Harold, still fighting off a decision about his salvation, sat through the campaign during which his wife became a Christian.

The last night, Evangelist Aimee dwelt long on the altar call. But Harold remained adamant. She gave the benediction, then said she felt impressed to give one more invitation.

Recalls Jefferies: "That was for me. I went."

One morning not long after, Harold told his wife, "I feel we should go to Los Angeles."

JEFFERIES

She answered, "I've been thinking the same thing." So they moved.

Jefferies got a job as an office supply salesman. In a year he was manager of one of the largest stores. By that time his wife had entered the Foursquare denomination's L. I. F. E. school and was graduated in 1925.

It was then that Jefferies decided to give up his secular job and study for the ministry. In between helping his wife, who had become a pastor in a church near Los Angeles, he managed to study, and was graduated in 1929 from the college his wife had attended.

Harold went to Portland and started a Foursquare church in a rented tabernacle with but 40 people at the opening meeting. Now, after 25 years, he has, besides his flock of 2,500, the distinction of having become known as an outstanding radio preacher and scholar, and a leader in his denomination.

His church last year won the CHRISTIAN LIFE Sunday School Contest with a mighty display of effort that included the giving out of 72,000 invitations by personal visits to Portland homes, and 7,000 phone calls. In six weeks the church boosted its Sunday school attendance of 1,245 to an all-time high of 2,849.

And Dr. Jefferies was awarded an all-expense trip to the Holy Land.

Today, Dr. Jefferies is a tall, dignified man of God. His looks completely belie the fact that in his younger days he engaged in professional boxing. Sometimes this fact of his life catches up with him, however. In Syracuse, N. Y., in 1927, with his wife in an evangelistic campaign, reporters asked him why he gave up the ring. He said, "My wife told me I had to give up the ring or her." Next morning a paper ran a picture of him in boxing shorts and fighting pose. Over the top of the picture the caption writer had printed, "Fighter Kayoed by Cupid."

Dr. Jefferies (he won the "Dr." by study at Western Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary) turned down the pastorate of Angelus Temple when it was offered him on the death of Founder Aimee MacPherson.

"I felt I should stay in Portland. One failure of young ministers is that they don't stay in a community long enough to earn the confidence of its citizens."

When is the right time to leave a church? Says Dr. Jefferies, "It is dangerous to leave a church in diversity. It may be a test of faith. But wanting to leave a church when it is prosperous is a matter of pride, and not good either. I don't think a pastor should leave unless he has a definite witness for God. He'll know it."

The pastor has a word for church members too. "They're often responsible for a pastor's missing the will of God. They don't encourage pastors like they should."

Christians today, says Dr. Jefferies, "have it too easy." He added, "The church is taken over by effortless religion – Radio, TV, and city-wide campaigns often are used as substitutes for the personal command, 'Go ye.' We expect a big name to do the job of evangelism that is our personal responsibility." END

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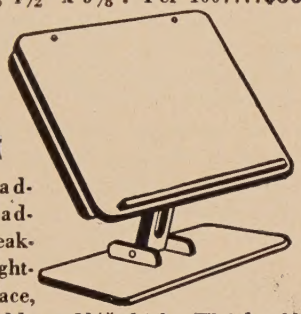

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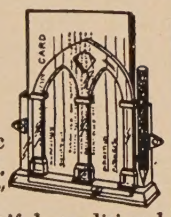

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Christian couple, anxious to establish residence in the Carolinas or further south. Would like position managing motel or similar work. Very best refs. **Box O-429**

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Electrician Harris gives light to missions.

He Electrifies Missions

by Elisabeth Fletcher
CHRISTIAN LIFE *Foreign Correspondent*

"MY PURPOSE is to be busy and helpful in the Lord's service," A. E. Harris will tell you with a twinkle in his eye. "And of course I don't mind that I also get to see the world. It's just one of the extra joys of the work! Anyone could do the same thing."

Whether "anyone" could do it or not, the service which Harris renders has made him a godsend to missionaries in both Africa and Central America. He recently returned to his home in Erin, Canada, after three months in Costa Rica. And as soon as he earns enough money to buy another plane ticket, he'll be off for some other mission field.

What special talent makes him so welcome to missionaries? Surprisingly enough, Harris is just an ordinary electrician!

It all started two years ago when he met a doctor building a hospital in Angola, Africa. The doctor needed help in collecting electrical supplies. Electrician Harris, eager to do his part for the cause of missions, pitched in. And before long the doctor suggested that it would be a wonderful idea for Harris to install the equipment personally. The trip would cost less than $3,000 and he could probably be a big help to other missions along the way.

Harris prayed, considered his life savings and the needs of his wife (his two sons are grown), and decided that he could go. Between June 1952 and June 1953, he traveled 25,000 miles by plane, boat, bus, train and foot. He visited 40 different mission stations in Africa and did electrical work at 12 of them. He shot 2,000 feet of colored movies along the way.

Back home in Canada, he realized that he had hit upon a wonderful idea. When he offered his electrical services to the Latin America Mission in San Jose, Costa Rica, for three months, they welcomed him with open arms. And so in January he took off again — this time on a jaunt that cost only about $300 round trip.

In Costa Rica, the mission first sent him on an emergency trip into a rural province. Then he went up into the mountains to look over the electrical installations of the mission orphange. As a result of a few changes in wiring, he about doubled the effective power there. "I can make toast now — and the light is enough to read by at night!" marveled one missionary. Harris will go down in history as the miracle man of the orphanage.

In the Bible seminary, radio station TIFC, and the hospital, he did extensive re-wiring and helped with new installations. The work badly needed to be done and definitely contributed to mission work. And even if he eneded up in the hospital with an attack of amoebic dysentery, it was all part of "sharing" with the missionaries!

"It's fun to work with natives who don't know your language," Harris recalls. "And, of course, it's a pleasure to meet so many missionaries. For me, these trips have been a blessing and an education. I've learned geography in a way that would be impossible from any other source. And the Lord has even permitted me the joy of preaching through interpretation."

According to Harris, plenty of other people could do the same thing. After hearing his story, perhaps they will! END

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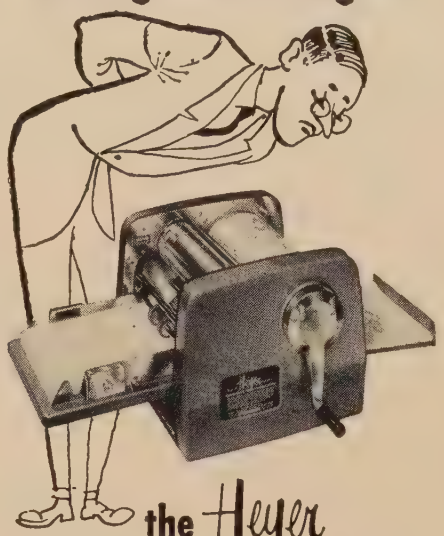

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IN THE wake of war's slaughter and devastation in Korea, the Gospel of Christ is bringing a new day — in the words of the great hymn, "The morning light is breaking." A modern day Pentecost is already at hand in that crucified land, with promise of miracles to come in the Savior's name.

For many months fully one-third of South Korea's millions were living as refugees in hovels, dugouts, shacks, tents or open fields. Thousands of children became waifs, orphaned by the enemy's onslaughts or made derelicts by separation from their parents. Countless numbers, from babes in arms to the aged, died. Yet in the midst of tragedy, the Christian Church has had remarkable growth. Truly, the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church.

Six hundred pastors were killed in the invasion, many tortured to death. Yet others have risen to carry on their ministry. No one knows how many thousands of active laymen gave their lives in keeping the faith. More than 600 church buildings were destroyed. These, plus many more, have been rebuilt by the people themselves. Often before believers had more than packing-case houses for themselves, they had constructed their church.

Taegu, third city in Korea in size, had 17 Christian churches in 1950, when Billy Graham preached there. Many refugees poured into Taegu, increasing the population greatly — yet the development of new churches has been in vastly greater proportion. Today, under God's beneficent guidance and by the sacrifice of His devoted people, the number of lighthouses of the Christian faith has increased from 17 to 104. And this miraculous growth took place while the city was within sound of the enemy's guns, only eight miles away!

Under the pressure of persecution and want, the churches of Korea today stand unsurpassed in their spiritual fervor and deep devotion to Christ. Their early morning prayer meetings have been a dramatic testimony of their Christian fidelity.

What effect has the terrible war had on this expression of discipleship? Have the people broken under fiery trial?

Hear this: Three-fourths of all the Christian churches in Korea have daybreak prayer meetings, every day of the week, every week of the year, cold or hot, rain or sunshine, dismal or bright, foggy or clear — and in winter, though they hold their early prayers in cold, clammy, unheated edifices, or even in the open air, there is no heat anywhere! It is no uncommon thing to find 4,000 people present at a single dawn devotion.

No ballyhoo or promotion, no high pressure or exhortation, is necessary to get the faithful to start the day in eager worship. Bob Pierce, former CHRISTIAN LIFE correspondent, has preached to as many as 4,000 people on a weekday morning, the people having assembled before darkness had fled — just an ordinary gathering, as they did not know a guest minister was to preach.

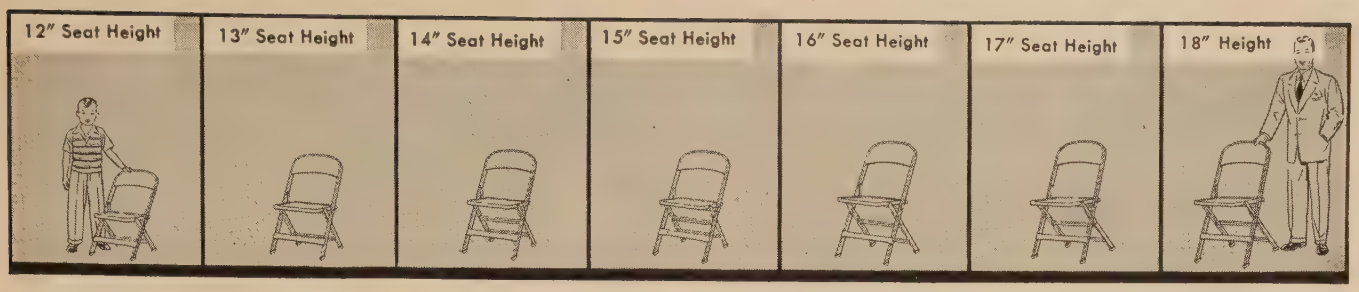
One Christmas Eve a large number of worshipers gathered in a roofless, sideless, heatless church they had started to build on a ledge they had chiseled out of the side of a mountain, to observe a Nativity service. Billy Graham preached to them. The next morning he and Pierce went unannounced with others to the ledge, and at 4:30 o'clock found 167 men, women and children, shivering in the wind, but eager to pray and testify.

These evidences of supreme devotion to the Lord and of a genuine seeking for Him, to the editors of CHRISTIAN LIFE, carry tremendous implications. For God's ears are not deaf to the cries of His children. The plight of Korea today is desperate. With the removal last month of some divisions of the occupation forces of the U. S. 8th Army, Korea lies baldly exposed to the infiltration of communism. Deserted by her friends and fearful both of Communist China and the growing power of a strengthened Japan, now wooing Communist friendship, Korea clearly is in a position where only the intervention of God can save her from another devastation.

But with the turning of so many of her people to God, and with the personal faith of her president Syngman Rhee, it is the opinion of CHRISTIAN LIFE that a great spiritual awakening could be in the making for Korea. And it could be a spiritual awakening that might reverberate around the world.

Meanwhile, the editors of CHRISTIAN LIFE call upon Christians everywhere to remember the Korean nation, her president and especially her believing Christians in this hour of crisis. What could happen in Korea would have tremendous implications for other nations, not only of the Orient, but of the entire world.

The God whom the Israelites worshiped delighted in delivering them from impossible situations. And that God is the same yesterday, today and forever. Your part is to pray that Korea's crisis might be God's opportunity to deliver that needy land.



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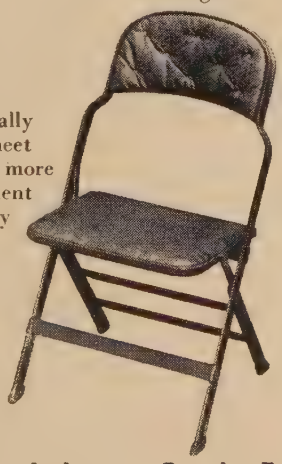

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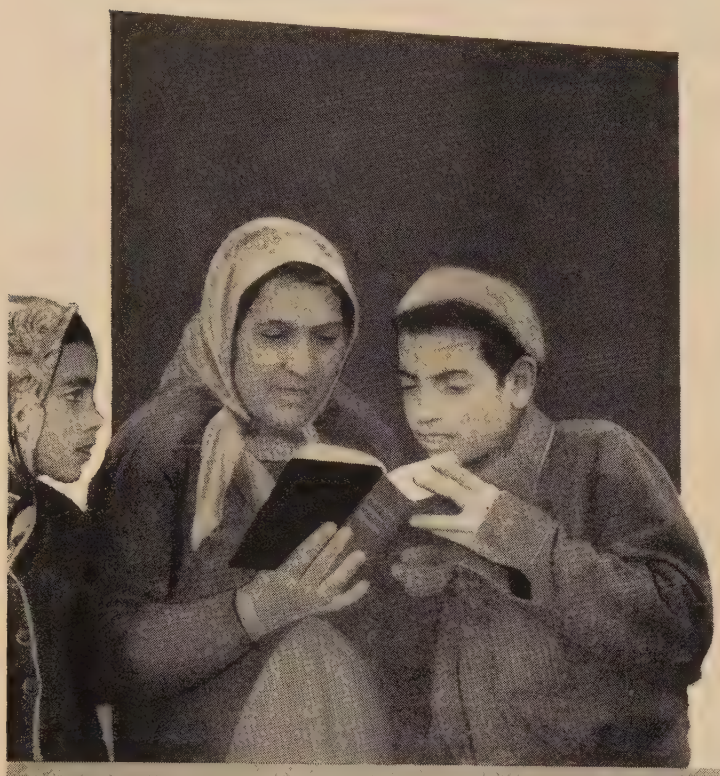

"we have found the Messiah"

John 1:41

There are signs of a great awakening among God's ancient people, the Jews. The Holy Spirit is working mightily in their hearts and today there seems to be greater opportunity to win Jews to Christ. This is a great challenge and every effort should be made to bring the Gospel to the Jews now!

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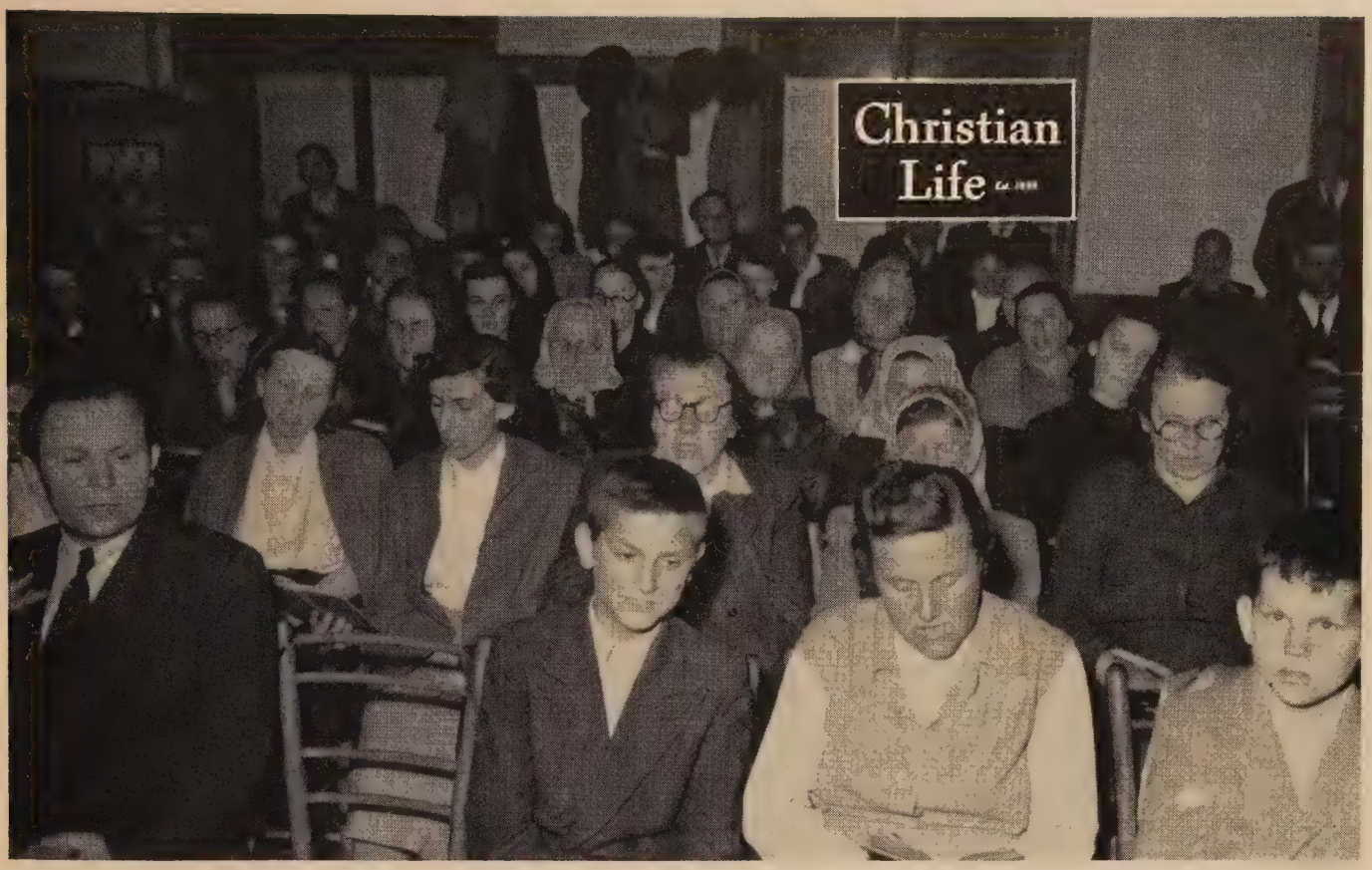

Several Russians venture to attend this gospel meeting held in one of Zagreb's Fellowship halls.

Behind the iron curtain which darkens this ruggedly beautiful land, an unpredictable future faces Communists and Christians alike in life

Behind the Scenes in Yugoslavia

by Paul Haueter
CHRISTIAN LIFE *Foreign Correspondent*

Pastor Josip Horak (right) translates the message in an evening service.

I HAVE returned from Tito's Yugoslavia, where evangelicals are few but vigorous. Although the government claims disinterest in religion, it is looking kindlier upon Protestantism.

Tract distribution is illegal and Christian literature cannot be imported into the Communist, but anti-Soviet country. Yet response to the gospel message is excellent; peasants received our testimonies eagerly.

How the future will affect evangelicals in Yugoslavia is a question-mark, but the whole country may open to the free propagation of the Gospel, according to some Christian spokesmen. If it does, the Gospel must be ready to enter.

Stranger things than that have happened in the last five years.

In 1949 it would have been fantastic to think of Yugoslavia as having even partially open doors to the Gospel. But much has taken place in Yugoslavia. It has been the setting of long rivalry and fighting within the country itself between the Serbs and the Croats.

During World War II the German armored divisions swept into this almost defenseless country, and the people suffered pathetically under the Nazi occupation. Bands of brave peasants took up a seemingly futile resistance, pouncing under cover of night upon the enemy forces, as a nocturnal bird of prey swoops down upon its victim and then quickly away. Weapons which had been shipped thousands of miles from Germany were seized by the Partisans, as the resistance groups were named, and turned against the enemy which brought them.

Up until 1949 Yugoslavia was a satellite of the Soviet Union. Then the break with Stalin caused Tito to look westward for friendship. With this has

come freer travel into the little-known land.

And so we headed our jeep toward Tito's Yugoslavia. We took one last backward look as our jeep crept in first gear up the steep mountain road. Trieste lay nestled around its rocky harbor. Ships steamed toward the morning sun which glittered upon the placid blue of the Adriatic Sea. It painted a picture of quiet serenity.

But this impression was cancelled out as we rounded a curve and heard the sharp crack of rifles practicing at a target range. A few hundred yards farther we halted where a triple road barrier blocked the way—the border of Yugoslavia. A hammer and sickle flag and the red star insignia of the soldiers reminded us that we were entering a Communist country.

Ordinarily, Bibles and other Christian material may not be shipped into the country. Therefore, as the customs official approached, we wondered if we would be able to keep the literature which was among our equipment and supplies. Some people we know who went across the same border a short time previously were thoroughly checked. However, this time, after making sure all papers and passports were in order, the official took one little peek inside our car and waved us by. Perhaps the bewildering assortment of gas cans, bedding, food and other cargo piled high in the jeep had discouraged him, but we believe the Lord intervened to get gospel literature into the country.

Yugoslavia is worth seeing for its beauty, especially along the Adriatic Sea coast where the scenery is breathtaking. We anticipated visiting there for that reason, but especially because we were concerned about the spiritual welfare of the people.

The overall picture of both people and land is one of extreme poverty. Roads are very poor. Because there are few automobiles, roads are built to handle horse and wagon traffic. Through a desert, much of the road was hardly wide enough for a car. This "main route," according to the map, was surfaced with large chunks of crushed rock, hard and sharp as flint arrowheads. The jeep suffered four flat tires in a single day, and that became a bit discouraging.

When we passed into greener pastures, the roads turned into mud. Nevertheless, there were people now, and travel became more interesting. Whenever we stopped in a small village, curious spectators assembled to gaze. They had heard much about America, and they wanted to see some real live people from this paradise across the sea. With such a friendly greeting, we distributed gospel tracts wherever we went.

The Yugoslavs are sick of politics and a wise visitor avoids the topic. However, socialism has helped them; they have little, but they are now better off than before.

Town names sound like something from Lower Slobovia of the comics: Putnik, Dubrovnik, Stupnik. Near Pljrizptic we stopped in the woods and located a nice private spot to pitch camp. But it was not as isolated as we thought. At dusk after the farmer folk quit their work in the fields, dozens of them chose our camping site as part of the homeward path. The women had to see what and how my wife cooked for supper. While we prayed and began eating, the audience watched close by. It was like being part of a circus sideshow. When complete darkness fell, the guests departed.

At 3:30 a. m. we were awakened by peculiar moanings and honkings. Grey light in the east revealed a peasant woman driving her noisy herd of geese past our tent on the way to pasture. She was intoning a folk melody, clear, haunting and minor. Without understanding the words we felt the emotion of the song. It expressed a weary and oppressed people. The sound faded away again into the damp silence of early morn.

The country is predominantly Roman Catholic with also some Greek Orthodox and Moslem followers. Shrines and marks of Romanism are found in the northern part of the land. Greek Orthodoxy is rooted in the Eastern portion. Moslem mosques rear their pencil-like minarets in the south which is today called Macedonia as in the time of the Apostle Paul. These false religious systems have utterly failed to give spiritual satisfaction to the people. One man observed, "These people here are all Roman Catholic, but they do not know why." We were impressed with the sadness of the people.

Evangelical Christians are scattered in small groups throughout Yugoslavia as far south as the Danube River. Below there we could not learn of any believers with the possible exception of a few within the Methodist work, which has spread northward from Greece.

Religious services are permitted only in recognized places. The work is handicapped because no tract distribution or advertising may be done. Large public auditoriums may not be rented for services. No open air services are allowed, except in rare cases when local authorities may grant permission to have a baptismal service along a stream.

Where bands of Christian believers do exist they are strong and growing. According to Rev. D. H. Poysti, a missionary to Slavic-speaking people, the turnout is better in village services than in the cities, averaging about 150 to 250 for the former. The people force them-

Soldiers must be maintained near the borders because of the Trieste dispute.

The author with a Russian Christian.

selves into the building until no more can enter. Young people as well as older folks come. Many travel long distances on bicycle or foot. Men arrange themselves on one side while the women are on the other. They sit under the table used for an altar, perch on the window sills and stand outside. The meetings often last for four hours. But they remain motionless for the whole meeting in spite of the fact that they spend 16 hours a day in the fields. On weekdays they forsake their work and come to the meetings because of their hunger for the Bread of Life.

Even Roman Catholics and Greek Orthodox followers turn out. Response is excellent, decisions every meeting. Evangelist Poysti found the halls so crowded that he could not invite seekers to come forward. Instead, he asked those who wished to make decisions for Christ to lift their hands. This group was dealt with from the platform and questioned to see if they understood. Then they were requested to pray and each one prayed a prayer of repentance without hesitation.

At one meeting three adult brothers showed a deep sense of sin on their faces. During the invitation, their Christian mother, seeing that they were not bold enough to make the step alone, urged them to give their hearts to Christ and gently helped them to their feet. Her three sons gave themselves to the Lord.

If conditions there were more like those in America for evangelism there would probably be a great turning to God.

At first the government could not distinguish between churchianity and Christianity. Now it is gradually realizing that Protestants are not competing for a position of power, as are the Roman Catholics. Consequently the government is becoming more favorable toward Protestantism although it has no official interest in religion. Under the present regime equal rights are granted to all religious groups and no pressure is exerted by any major religious group upon minority Protestants.

Seminary students eagerly took notes in order to learn the English language.

Shepherd girls recite from Scripture.

According to reports, Yugoslavs became disgusted during the last war when Roman Catholic priests yielded to persuasion and pressure by the Nazis. Many priests chose the way of least resistance, taking up arms against their own people because they expected the enemy to be the conqueror.

Although village youth are hungry for the Gospel, in cities youth are drawn away by other interests. Colorful rallies are held on Sundays, conflicting with church service schedules. Loud-speakers on the squares blare forth music, news and propaganda for the assembling crowds. Christians are marked people. Young people, especially, face ridicule. Joining a church may lose a man his employment.

The believers need encouraging to step out for Christ in spite of difficulties. In Zagreb, Baptist pastor Josip Horak, in commenting on religious freedom, said optimistically, "We are glad for what freedom we have. And we are hoping for better days ahead. At least none of our Christian brethren are in prison."

Pastor Horak contrasted this measure of freedom with difficulties faced by Christians in Czechoslovakia, behind the iron curtain type of Communism. He had received a letter from a Christian in that country who did not dare to give a complete picture. The best he could do was to jot down the Scripture reference, Acts 8:1, "And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church . . ."

To provide a living for his family, Pastor Horak works at an office job. His real interest lies in the small church where he ministers faithfully, and in the small seminary he leads. Eleven young men study at this school. One student, from the iron curtain country, Rumania, will return to his people after completing his preparation. On week ends the young ministers travel long distances by foot or on horseback to preach in villages. One afternoon as I spoke to this class I noted their enthusiasm over the possibilities of a life of service centered wholly on the Lord Jesus Christ. More speakers should visit the students at this out-of-the-way seminary.

The Church of the Brethren, as well, is doing a good work in Zagreb. Its pastor, who also earns a living by outside employment, is much engrossed in translating religious books from English so that his flock might read them. One such work is *The Pilgrim Church* by Broadbent, on which he has been working since 1946. He laboriously types and mimeographs his translations to be lent out. This is necessary because religious books may not be printed in Yugoslavia.

Many of their hymns have been translated from English and are the same familiar ones we love so well. Slavic people are great singers, and it was a treat to join in with them on old favorites.

With the warmth of Christian fellowship still glowing in our hearts, we headed southward toward Belgrade. Immediately north of this city the greatest concentration of Protestants is found. There are approximately 200,000 Protestants around Novisad.

Between Zagreb and Belgrade we found a stretch of concrete highway which is termed an "autoput," the first stretch of hard-surfaced road we had traveled in many days.

Along the way we saw a large number of stork birds. Many of them build

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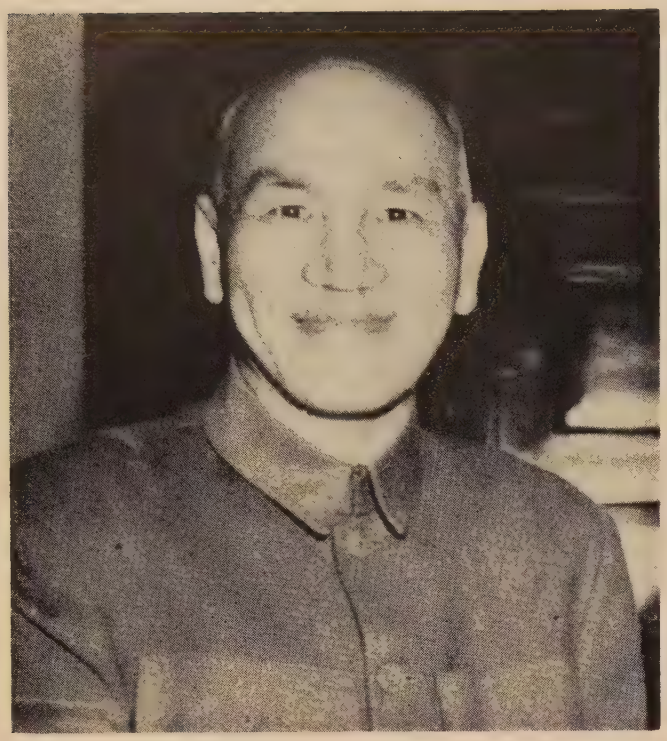

"Revelation descriptions fit communist activities well."

"I owe to my mother-in-law my conversion to Christianity."

PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERVIEW:

My Views of the End Times

Nationalist China's controversial political leader — Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek — tells of his faith in Jesus Christ and the part he feels Communists today play in God's plan for the last days.

by Tom Watson

Evangelical Alliance Missionary

PROBABLY no international figure has been in and out of popular American favor as often as Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, leader of Nationalist China since 1927.

Since 1950, Chiang has had nationalist headquarters on Formosa, off the China coast. Recent threats by Communist China as well as charges of internal corruption have spotlighted world attention on Formosa once again.

Almost as famous as the Nationalist President is Madame Chiang, whose acceptance of Christianity preceded that of her husband.

A friend to Christian missionary activity and pro-American stalwart against Communism, Chiang Kai-shek has always been outspoken on his beliefs, both religious and political.

So CHRISTIAN LIFE asked Tom Watson, missionary to Japan, to conduct an interview with the Nationalist Generalissimo. Chiang's answers shed new light on his Christian stand and solicit prayer for his important position in the world today.

Question: When and through what circumstances did you become a Christian?

Chiang: I owe to my mother-in-law my conversion to Christianity. My wife, Madame Chiang, answered this question for me in an article, "What Religion Means to Me," published in the *Forum* in 1934.

"My mother's influence on the General has been tremendous. It was her influence and personal example that led him to become a Christian. Too honest to promise to be one just to win her consent to our marriage, he had promised my mother that he would study Christianity and read the Bible. And I suddenly realized that he was sticking to his promise even after she was gone."

Rev. Kiang Chen Chun, who baptized me, supplied additional information in the following account he wrote on how I had embraced Christianity:

"One day in 1928 I received an urgent telegram from Madame Chiang Kai-shek asking me to come to Nanking immediately. I arrived there early the next morning to learn that the Madame wanted me as a good friend of the family, to talk to her husband about his personal salvation and, if possible, to arrange for him to be baptized into the Christian church. He was unable to see me until about four in the afternoon because of his many official duties; and even then there were so many distractions that the Madame suggested we might go out for a ride as we talked.

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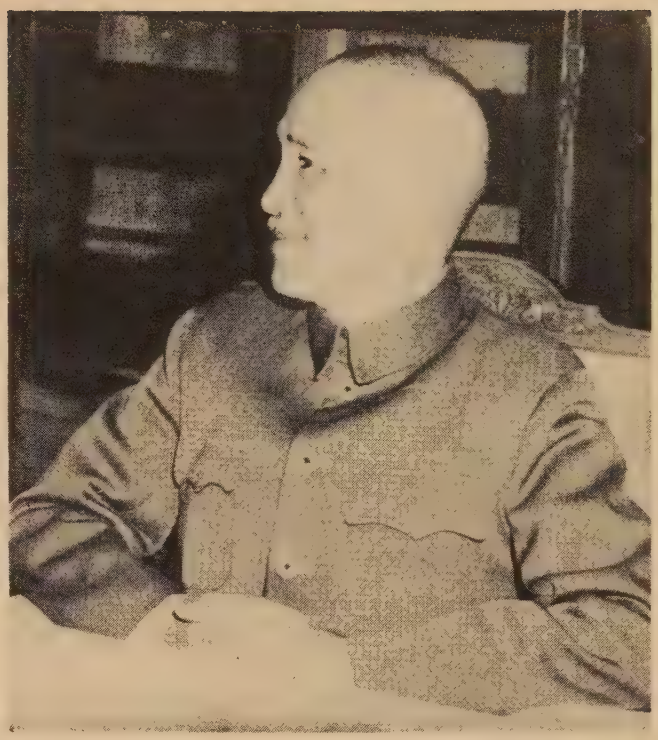


"Tell every American Christian I need his daily prayer."

Three autos were called, the center car for us and the first and third for his bodyguards.

"As we entered the car, the Generalissimo insisted that I sit in the middle, placing his wife at my left, and himself at my right. As we motored along, Madame Chiang urged her husband to accept Christ and to be formally baptized into the Christian faith, saying 'Our friend, Pastor Kiang, is going to America soon and will be gone for many months.'

"The Generalissimo refused to be pressed into the Christian church so hurriedly, replying, 'I have just finished reading the New Testament for the second time, and am now going to begin to read the Old Testament. I want to learn more about this Christian faith before I publicly accept Jesus Christ as my Savior.' After we had conversed further, I finally agreed with him and suggested that he study the Bible faithfully while I was gone and that I would be glad to receive him into the church upon my return.

"While I was in America, a civil war broke out in China between a certain war lord and the Central Government. During the fighting one day when he found himself in a desperate situation, he prayed to God for deliverance, pledging that he would acknowledge Jesus Christ as his Lord after the Lord had delivered him. God did answer his prayer. Before long he was able to turn a certain defeat into a victory. Upon my return from America, I was asked to baptize this leader of China into the Christian faith. This was in the fall of 1928. His subsequent growth in Christian grace is well known to the world."

Question: In the light of Bible Prophecy, do the events of today indicate to you that the so-called "tribulation" period is near?

Chiang: The present events clearly indicate that "the period of tribulation" is with us now. I continuously receive trustworthy reports from the mainland concerning the satanic persecution of Christians and non-Christians by the Chinese Communists. They have been destroying the family system and have been making children to betray their parents, making brothers to hate brothers and have been forcing husbands and wives to separate. One of the Commandments urges people to honor their fathers and mothers with the promise that it may be well with them and they may live long on the earth. The Communists who throw filial piety to the wind must perish sooner or later when the measure of their evil has been filled to the brim.

Question: Do you also believe the second coming of Christ is near?

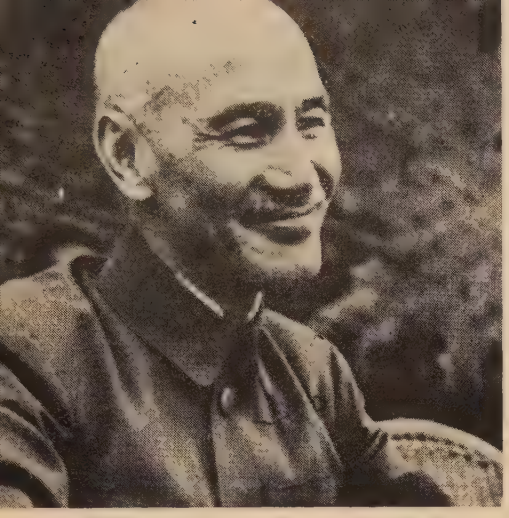
Chiang: I believe in the second coming of Christ, but Christ may be long in coming. I am sorry that some preachers have told our soldiers that since Christ would soon come what is the use of working hard on the drill grounds. That sort of belief is extremely harmful. The Communists would welcome preachers propogating a fatalistic attitude, and indeed would do everything within their power to foster such an attitude to serve their purpose. We must maintain the spirit of fighting the Devil to a bitter end and keep on fighting until he is annihilated, otherwise we would be destroyed.

Question: Many Bible students find a direct relationship between Communism and the anti-Christ of the book of Revelation. What is your opinion?

Chiang: The book of Revelation foretells the ravages by the Communists who are certainly anti-Christ. Their satanic ruthlessness is fully related in chapters 13 and 19. What the Communists have been doing throughout the world fit in well with the descriptions given in the book of Revelation. In my recent Good Friday message I called attention to the fact that the Devil in the cloak of Russian and Chinese Communists has been persecuting and torturing fellow Christians. Prophetically there exist people willing to trade righteousness, and compromise with the evil in the hope of securing a temporary peace. They would not mind bowing down to Satan. Little do they know that the more they ignore truth and fear evil, the more apt are they to be duped, trapped, and eventually to fall irremediably into Satan's pit. In a world where truth is trampled down, where faith is destroyed, where moral and spiritual values are disregarded and where only crass materialism reigns — in such a world, how can we keep evil from running rampant and prevent Satan from raising his head? The book of Revelation has foretold all this.

Question: What principal benefit do you derive from your daily Bible reading?

Chiang: Daily Bible reading strengthens my faith in God and in His in-



"I need wisdom . . . guidance from God."

fallible rule of the universe. Especially when the evil passions of men get upper-hand do we need greater faith in the ultimate triumph of right. Bible reading provides inspiration for my life, lightens my burden of the State, and confirms my conviction that all material things must pass away but the spiritual force, which is the truth, alone remains indestructible.

Bible reading coupled with prayers enables me to have a greater appreciation of the spirit of Jesus, which to my mind is positive, everlasting, progressive, inspiring and revolutionary. The Bible makes it clear that unless we emulate this spirit more or less we are lost and we should not be able to survive as a nation or as a race. Only by a constant and prayerful reading of the Old and New Testaments, the inexhaustible source of spiritual strength, are we able to sustain faith in God at a time of failure or of facing grave perils.

For those who rely merely upon human wisdom, expediency and experience there are plenty of things to worry about. Frequent and regular reading of the Bible, however, expels anxiety even about such things as the threat of hydrogen and cobalt bombs. Even if the end of the world approaches we shall not fear it. Has not the Bible affirmed that all things work for good to those who love God?

In my last Good Friday message I emphasized the importance of immortality, and pointed out the way of getting it. If we believe in righteousness, hold firmly to our faith, fight for righteousness, and as Jesus did, shed our blood and give our life for the sake of righteousness, then we can assuredly win eternal life. Immortality of the Greater Self means the attainment of eternal life for the Lesser Self. You can acquire this insight into the life to come through daily Bible reading.

Question: What is your favorite portion of Scripture?

Chiang: My favorite chapter in the Scripture is Psalm 23. Other favorite Psalms are 1, 9, 13, 15, 19, 81 and 132. My favorite hymns are "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

Question: Mr. President, you are aware, of course, that lately the people of America have heard much criticism leveled at your government. Many Americans, respecting you as a Christian gentleman, would be glad to hear your own reply, as a Christian, to this criticism.

Chiang: Critics might hold different views from mine, but I wish to ask them to place themselves in my position and give the matter some consideration. I together with my colleagues have been exerting our utmost efforts in the introduction of modern democracy into the Island of Taiwan. The critical situation facing us necessarily slows down the progress toward democracy.

As to whether or not the present political condition in Taiwan is democratic, I myself do not wish to say much. However I do hope that more Christians will come to Taiwan to see for themselves and answer the question. Seeing is believing. A study of the subject on the spot would enable them to have a better understanding of the real situation here.

If they do not have the necessary time to make such visits, they can get desired information from their missionary friends in Taiwan. I am sure they will get faithful reports.

Question: Some Americans applaud your recent agreement with President Syngman Rhee and the Republic of Korea as being a "Christian alliance" against the godless ideology of Communism, in view of the fact that Rhee himself is a Christian. Would you say that your alliance was established at least in part on the basis of a fellowship in Christ and a common trust in His promises?

Chiang: A Christian alliance against the godless ideology of Communism in spirit exists not only between myself and President Rhee, but also between myself and other Christian leaders. We must fight the Devil with united strength or the Devil would conquer us one after another. True Christians all over the world well understand this urgent need for cooperation, but I am also ready to cooperate with those non-Christians who are aware of the godlessness of the Communists and are willing to join the anti-Communist movement.

Question: From a Christian point of view, would there be an advantage in the inclusion of Japan in such an alliance?

Chiang: Yes, it would be an advantage to include Japan in an anti-Communist alliance. It would be decidedly unwise to exclude the Japanese people who are well educated in the fight against the Communists, but due to constitutional limitations, Japan's inclusion must wait for the development of events.

Question: The Bible teaches us that there is no basis for fellowship between darkness and light; between Christ and Belial. With this truth in mind, do you believe there are a large number of genuinely converted Christians in Communist China who, because they belong to Jesus, can be counted on to rise up against the satanic forces of Communism — even at the risk of their lives — in the event of open conflict on the mainland?

Chiang: I do not entertain any doubt that not only the Chinese Christians but also the Chinese of other religious faiths in the mainland would rise up against the satanic forces of Communism when outside pressure against the Communists is being exerted. When a landing is effected, they will all revolt. Meanwhile, they must be cautious. They know that should they show any sign of opposing the Communists by force prior to the Government launching attacks on the mainland they would be cold-bloodedly slain. Even without any excuse the Communists are murdering innocent persons.

Question: In what way do you feel that the missionaries can best serve Christ and the Chinese people in their ministry here in Formosa?

Chiang: The best way for the missionaries to serve Christ and the Chinese people on the island of Taiwan is to continue preaching and increase their preaching activities in a spirit of service.

The Government of the Republic of China is fighting a powerful enemy. Any line of preaching other than orthodox which detracts the anti-Communist forces had better be avoided. Let the missionaries be broad-minded and refrain from raising controversial points which would give the satanic followers a chance to infiltrate into our midst. Any religious controversy would create a demoralizing effect on the minds of Chinese Christians as well as non-Christians. If Saint Paul were still alive, he would repeat his message that there may be no division among you.

Question: The Christian people of America are praying for you, Mr. President. What shall I tell them is your most urgent prayer request?

Chiang: Tell every American Christian that I need his daily prayer. Confronted with the most difficult problem of the day I need wisdom and understanding from God. I require God's guidance, and without it no leader is able to defeat Satan. END

Open Door to Power

by Vance Havner

On the outside is confusion and chaos, on the inside, victory and personal peace. It's a matter of being willing to pay the price.

TOO MANY Christians are playing church indoors these days instead of proclaiming Christ outdoors. Between the resurrection and Pentecost the disciples were behind closed doors for fear of the Jews. Pentecost got them outdoors speaking "the wonderful works of God." Dr. W. Graham Scroggie says, "The trouble and tragedy is that the church has been content to live between Easter and Pentecost, on the right side of justification but on the wrong side of sanctification; on the right side of pardon but on the wrong side of power."

That phrase, "Behind closed doors, for fear . . ." sums up the plight of a lot of indoor Christians and churches nowadays. Some are behind closed doors of defeatism for fear of competition.

Everywhere I go I hear the old refrain: "Well, you know people once had nowhere else to go to but church but now there are a thousand counter-attractions." Some of my meetings scarcely get under way before I am informed: "This will be a hard week for a revival. Monday night the circus is coming. Tuesday night there is a concert. Wednesday night the big new picture is on downtown. Thursday night the Garden Club is discussing how to grow African violets. Friday night there is the big basketball game and Saturday night the dance is on at the hotel." So it goes with an alibi for every night. This inferiority complex before the world, the flesh and the Devil puts us behind closed doors for fear.

This is far different from the message Paul gave Timothy: "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power . . ." (II Tim. 1:7). Is there anything wrong with the Spirit whom God has given to indwell those of us who believe? Of course, there isn't. Then it must be we are not permitting the Spirit to express Himself in power in our lives.

The early Christians lost no sleep over whatever programs were being put on at the Colosseum. They did not worry, for they recognized that they had a world-beater of their own. Early Christianity was an experience; today it is a performance, most of which is behind closed doors for fear.

It is dangerously easy to be satisfied with "playing church." We sing the songs, read the Scriptures, hear a sermon and carry out the order of service but the Person has been supplanted by a program.

What began with a company of lay witnesses has become a professional pulpitism financed by lay spectators. We Americans are such incurable spectators that church is measured in terms of entertainment. After the new preacher has performed, we ask, "How did you enjoy him?"

Too many saints are "just looking." It's high time for us to get outdoors and be looked at by the multitude confounded and amazed as at Pentecost.

Today's situation is exactly the reverse of what it should be. The church should be so Spirit-filled that the world would dread the competition. It is the other crowd that should be worried. Their attendance should be slipping. But that will never happen with an "indoor" church.

A very common bugaboo nowadays is Communism. The church is behind closed doors for fear of that world menace. Of course, the peril of Communism should not be minimized, but even Communism presents no terrors to an "outdoor" Pentecost church.

Charles Malik, Lebanese representative to the UN, said, "You can never defeat the Russians on their own ground. I know Communist leaders. Most of them do not smoke. They do not drink. They work 16 hours a day. However misguided, they are utterly devoted to their cause. That is not true of most Christians that I know. Why do you in America not pay the price? Why do you not press the battle to victory with the weapon that God has given you to win, the heritage of the Christian faith?"

Whitaker Chambers said, "Communism is no stronger than the failure of other faiths." Chaplain General Pike said, "There are millions more Americans than Communists, yet Communists are not afraid of Christian infiltration or that we will break down their way of life or their philosophy." Why don't we do a little infiltrating? The trouble is that the brand of Christianity which the average church member has wouldn't do very much infiltrating.

Here we are with the Answer to all the world's distress, living behind closed doors for fear, while godless lawlessness laughs us to scorn. The early Christians believed that Jesus Christ was the Answer and they shook the world.

In Paul's day the titanic Roman Empire embodied all the physical power known to the world. Yet, Paul wrote to the church at Rome, which he was planning soon to visit: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation . . ." (Rom. 1:16). And in a few years, despite the ferocious opposition of the Roman power, Christianity had spread across the empire.

The trouble is, we are playing at our Christianity. We don't know what we believe, we don't really believe what we say we believe and we don't practice what we really believe. We take

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RAINBOW OVER THE CONGO

by Billie Avis Hoy

Chimbu no longer feared evil spirits, but could God protect him from poison, disease and darts?

"HURRY your feet," Chimbu shouted to the men carrying his belongings to the new palace. He hitched up his shorts and raised his husky voice. "Everything must be in place before the sun goes to bed, and see, it is already getting tired."

The men glanced toward the sun, slipping behind the Congo jungle, then threw Chimbu frightened looks. He was a lean man with a thoughtful brow and laugh lines around his eyes. His ample mouth was firm as he watched the men intently, hoping that they would learn to trust him in the days to come. He ignored the angry stares of Mvunji, the basket weaver, who was standing with the crowd.

For days now the people had come, stared in unbelief at the building designed by their new chief, then went away shaking their kinky black heads and muttering. Chimbu had heard Mvunji prophesying evil upon living in such a palace, and Mvunji might help his prophesies be fulfilled out of loyalty to Ndingu.

When he thought of Ndingu a little ache twisted through Chimbu's heart. True, Ndingu was old and stubborn. He had refused to see that his tribe obeyed the white man's laws. He insisted their freedom was being taken away because the white man did not allow them to use the poison drink. He hid the people in the forest when the government man came to collect the tax. Finally the white soldiers had taken him and his family into exile in a distant city and appointed Chimbu chief of the Mbaxi tribe. In spite of all this, Chimbu felt sorry for the exiled chief and his loyal followers.

Chimbu could hear Lubeme, his wife, directing the work inside the palace, and disgusted grumbling of men losing honor by taking orders from a woman. The chief poked his fuzzy head in at the door.

"Open those boxes quickly," he shouted. "My wife must have a comfortable place to sleep this night. Can't you see she is tired?"

A hard dry knot formed in the chief's throat as he watched the girl. Her mouth, usually soft and smiling, was drawn with fatigue. There was no laughter in her wide, dark eyes.

Chimbu's stomach muscles tightened. His eyes flashed around the group gathering close and he saw hate in their faces.

She was a tall girl, poised, with quick, capable hands, but now she stood with her hands hanging at her sides. He should have insisted she remain in the city until their child was born. But she had said it was important that she come with him now, that there was nothing to worry about with the mission doctor just across the river.

She said they would be setting a good example if the chief's wife called the mission doctor when her child came and if they prayed to the Lord Jesus for their safety. And Chimbu had decided there was wisdom in her words.

Chimbu stepped back and looked at the palace with real pride. It was a spacious building, more than six spear lengths across with whitewashed mud walls, and a clay floor beaten hard and smooth by many paddles. There was the sweet smell of grass from the new thatched roof, and plenty of fresh air streaming through the two windows and door. There wasn't another building like it in all the Mbaxi tribe.

While he was admiring the building, Mvunji waddled down the street and stopped directly in front of him. His fat sides bulged like an elephant's over his belt.

"How will you be safe in a hut with windows?" Mvunji asked, tilting his head back. "How can you keep the evil spirits from entering when there are so many openings?"

"I am a Christian." Chimbu spoke quietly. "Christians do not fear evil spirits."

Mvunji frowned at the chief. "The door is so tall a man can walk in without stooping. It will not keep out evil spirits." He stepped

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Father: How Do You Rate?

by Louise Horton

IF YOU can fool Mom, more power to you. If you can put something over on Dad, it proves how smart you are. Such thinking is too prevalent among children of today. Even in Christian homes, youth tolerate parental authority as a necessary evil and keep a sharp eye for an opportunity to put something over.

When a youngster begins to figure this way, the danger line has been reached. If flaunting of authority proves how smart he is, it also proves how smart Mom and Dad are *not*.

Therein lies the danger. Any person who works with youth, with Christian love for them but no sentimentality, will say the same thing if you mention juvenile delinquency. It is parent delinquency first. The lowering of morality among our youth is traceable to weak parental authority — or none at all.

And the heart of parental authority is, or should be, the father.

Whether you as a father believe yourself guilty or not, you should answer these questions truthfully:

1. When you ask your son to mow the lawn, or perform some other task, does he consent
   (a) Readily?
   (b) Grudgingly?
   (c) Only if you pay him?
2. Do you make good your promises?
   (a) If you threaten punishment, do you administer it?
   If you promise a reward, do you give it?
   (b) Do you soften and refrain from punishment?
   Do you forget the promised reward?
3. (a) In public, are you proud of your child's behavior? or
   (b) Do you give him whatever he demands so he won't make a scene?
4. (a) Do you set up high standards of achievement? or
   (b) Do you bribe your child with a gift to get good marks in school, or to behave nicely to Aunt Fanny?
5. How are your child's relations with his church?
   (a) Does he go willingly and do you go with him?
   (b) Does he go because you've bribed him?
   (c) Does he really go or do you just think he does?
7. Do you correct your child
   (a) Kindly and at home?
   (b) Harshly and in public?
8. What do you expect of your children?
   (a) Christian obedience, respect and love?
   (b) Perfection? or
   (c) Just that they keep out of your way?

If your answers are yes to (a) all the way through, you are a model father and should have no serious difficulty. If they are yes to (b) and (c), it is time to look to yourself for the source of the trouble you are having or surely will have.

There is no need to treat each of these points separately. It all boils down to one question. Is your authority real or sham? When you say a thing, do you mean it?

Your answer is of importance to yourself and to your child. The moment to start is that moment when your child is capable of understanding what you mean, and that's pretty early. The first request you make, *see that he obeys it*. And continue until he gets the idea. There is no necessity for being either unfair or cruel. Just be firm. A child has absolutely no respect for a wishy-washy parent.

You do your child no favor by being weak and indecisive. Remember God has placed *you* in authority over the child, not the child over you. Someone has said that the outstanding characteristic of American parents is their obedience to their children.

Don't be afraid to punish your child if he has done wrong. Your child has an inborn sense of justice and will have more respect for you. Corporal punishment is not the only answer. There are other forms more effective. Depriving a child of a privilege, when through his disobedience he has forfeited that privilege, is an effective means of punishment. It ties the punishment in with the offense and makes sense to the child.

Another point is to set high standards of achievement. The child who works hard for good grades because his father has promised him a bicycle, learns only one rule: if father asks anything, hold out until he offers you money or a present. Father is building up for the child a staggering set of false values.

On the other hand, some fathers expect everything from their children, giving them nothing in return. This is injustice and the child will recognize it as such. He will not respect his father. A child who is punished severely for every little fault, learns to fear. There should be no fear in the Christian home.

If you begin early to establish Christian discipline, harmony will reign the more quickly in your family life.

As Christians, you can start a campaign in your home that may spread to other homes, a campaign to give back to father the place he may have lost. Make certain first that father has that place in your own home. Then pray that other parents will see and follow your example.

closer and lowered his voice confidentially. "I happen to know that Jako the witch doctor has a new antelope horn. An antelope horn hung over the door will stab any evil spirit that tries to enter."

Chimbu smiled. "Thank you, but I have no need for an antelope horn. My God will protect me." He felt uneasy, however, watching the basket weaver walk away.

He turned and bumped a child who was standing close behind him. The boy was dressed in his shiny black skin and a wide grin.

That night Chimbu and Lubeme slept without mishap in spite of having two windows, a high door and no antelope horn to protect them.

The next morning they read together from Chimbu's worn Bible, prayed, sang a hymn. Then Chimbu went to the great gnarled oak tree where a mat was spread ready for him to sit in justice.

The boy he had stumbled over the evening before crowded close, listening eagerly as Chimbu weighed each case carefully — a stolen sleeping mat, a goat boy not being able to find a straying goat, and a pig trampling a kitchen garden.

"Pigs should be kept in pens," Chimbu said.

There was a surprised silence. Then the owner of the pig gasped, "How will our pigs find food and grow fat if they are kept in pens?"

"If you want fat, healthy pigs, keep them in a pen and feed them clean food," Chimbu advised, hitching up his shorts. He didn't demand that the owner of the offending pig do so, but later that day Chimbu made a pen beside the palace and bought a pig to put in it.

The boy he had noticed twice before came and watched the pig get used to her pen.

"I'm Soxi," the child volunteered with a wide grin. "The tallest warrior who guards your palace is my uncle." He watched the pig with sober eyes, then added, "The evil spirit that causes the burning sickness killed my father and mother." His voice was lonely and hurt and bewildered. He looked at Chimbu. "I want to be a Christian."

The chief's heart beat fast with joy, then he looked toward the palace entrance where Luiz stood guard.

As though reading the man's thoughts the child said, "Luiz does not care what I do. I go to the mission often."

"Then why don't you become a Christian?"

The child fingered the fetish charm tied to his right wrist. "The crocodiles will eat me if I take this off."

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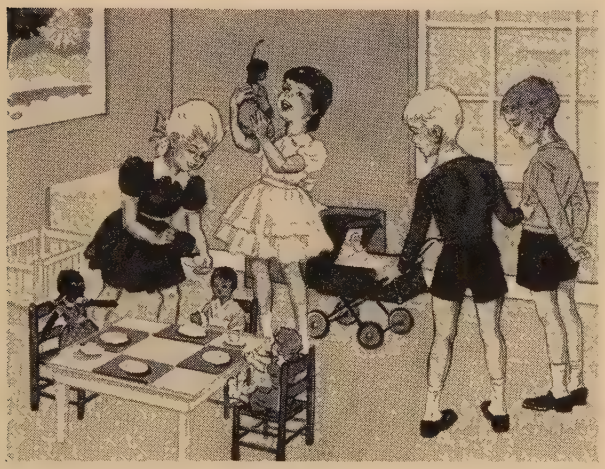

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How To Counsel with Seekers

by Merv Rosell

One of the most important steps in the total program of evangelism lies in the proper handling of those who come for help as the result of "The Invitation."

Evangelist Merve Rosell shows how to properly use the Bible in helping seekers realize their need for receiving Jesus Christ.

TRUE evangelism always produces lasting results. These results are caused by the amazing conservation of the Holy Spirit's work; it is all to the glory of God.

And yet, the most sensitive dilemma of 20th century mass evangelism is what happens to all those who raise hands, come forward, sign cards and pray with a counselor.

Oftentimes, the counselor is at fault. In fact, I believe the bane of my existence is the careless counselor who "fumbles with the faith" of a seeker after all of the investment of time and money to bring that person to a decision for Christ. Counseling with seekers is an eternally important task and every counselor should realize its seriousness.

Carelessness in the prayer room is the reason why many so-called "converts" never become stalwart workers for Christ. And perhaps the main reason for this carelessness is that counselors believe there is a standard procedure of dealing with seekers. There is no "patent way" when God calls human hearts.

Some people are rightly grieved that we have so little time to spend in weeping and praying at the mourners' bench of yesteryear. Some rightly criticize the "regimentation" of a modern era.

Others agree with Mrs. Billy Sunday, who often said, "Why place a convert in the hands of an inexperienced counselor when the evangelist himself could instruct the converts as they stand in front of the auditorium?" Some people are opposed even to a separate room being used for fear it might become "the scene of foolish fanaticism."

Of course, I believe that a man can without the lift of a hand, open his heart to the majestic sweep of the grace of God, be thoroughly and wonderfully born again and go out to live as a secret believer. But I am soundly convinced that God uses men and local churches to instruct, encourage, challenge and put to use that man's future.

Most commonly, prepared counselors are Bible-taught prior to the campaign. The finest counselor preparation I have seen was in a Philadelphia campaign with 886 churches. A Christian businessman instructed 400 prospective counselors to do an effective job with the hundreds who came to Christ nightly.

But good counselors don't get that way in 14 days any more than a private can become a general after basic training. I think we're often too lenient in qualifications for counselors who deal with the eternal element of the human heart.

Each seeker should receive answers to five questions in the counseling room. These questions are: "Why am I lost?" "How can God forgive me?" "Exactly what must I believe?" "How can I be sure?" and "Will it really work?"

The response of masses of seekers has made qualified counseling imperative.

After the seeker is converted, the counselor should suggest a four point success plan for the Christian life. 1. Prayer is the Christian's life line. 2. Join a Bible-teaching church immediately. 3. Win someone to Christ. 4. Get a study Bible with large print.

When counselors are well screened and approved by a pastoral committee, surprisingly few are inadequate.

But sometimes present in prayer rooms are counselors who actually hinder the work. Here are some counselor weaknesses which are most often evidenced:

1. Some counselors seldom adequately diagnose the case and are more anxious to talk than to listen.

2. Some are enamored of their "memory program" and very anxious to have a listener hear the rapid-fire quotation of verses out of context. The seeker becomes bewildered.

3. Some do not begin at the deciding point to which the sermon has brought the people.

4. Some have led such a "sheltered life" that many sin problems cannot even be understood, much less adequately handled.

5. Some spend too much time on "tangent themes" which are not pertinent to the plain and simple Gospel of salvation or they may go beyond the depth of the listener's appreciation.

6. Some feel their ministry is independent of the campaign evangelist and consequently they miss the whole sequence of united effort.

Sometimes the counselor's tendency to over-accent denominational preference or underestimate the convert's tremendous need for grace, comfort and assurance often leads to disappointment.

Therefore, I think each convert should be presented to a pastor at the end of the consultation time. Then a pastor can diagnose the help most needed and introduce that person to the deeper pattern of successful Christian living.

Local committees distribute portions of the Bible and practical tracts in the counseling rooms, and some evangelists have special booklets to distribute to seekers. These are used somewhat as insurance against inadequate counseling. But it's no excuse for carelessness in the prayer room.

Yes, the counselor is a vital cog in evangelism, for it is often the counselor, not the evangelist, who determines the enduring success of a campaign.

But the best part of counseling in evangelistic campaigns is the work of the Holy Spirit. In spite of our frailties, God has given the overwhelming power of the Holy Spirit to operate in the seeker's life. Even when we as counselors fail, God never fails. END

Singspiration, Bible study and prayer-times will pay big spiritual dividends for everyone when the gang gets together for fellowship.

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Wintertime Is Retreat-time, Too!

by Robert Duhs

IF YOUR problem is finding and holding the young people in your church, or if you simply want to plan a mid-winter "perk-up" for those who already attend, the answer is the same.

A winter youth conference will be voted by all as one of the finest things that ever happened to a church young people's group.

With systematic planning and allotment of duties, organization can be easily worked out, and everyone will have time to enjoy the activities. Here are some practical suggestions which will help you start the ball rolling.

A committee composed of the pastor or youth director, the youth group sponsor and a few capable young people should choose the site of the conference and plan activities. The type of conference depends on where you live. If your church is located near mountains, you have a perfect setting for a snow or ski conference.

But no matter where you live, you can build your conference around group activities. Most state and national parks have facilities that can be used at a nominal cost.

Available dates should be obtained from owners or proprietors of various camps well in advance, so that possibilities may be discussed by the com-

mittee. A good time is during the Christmas vacation when school is out and those who worked prior to the Christmas rush are probably through with their jobs. Of course, the preference of the young people themselves is always a consideration in choosing both the dates and the site.

After choosing conference time and place, select a theme. Keep it short, catchy and to the point. A wealth of applications for the saved and unsaved could be made from a theme such as "Taking Inventory," "Your New Life This Year," or (if your conference site is on a mountain) "Up on Higher Ground."

Select carefully a well-qualified speaker and contact him well in advance, informing him of the dates, theme and place of the conference and the age group that will attend. Request an immediate reply and be prepared to give him an honorarium for his services.

All these details should be throughly worked out by the committee before publicity in the church and community is begun.

A well-planned program, directing the activities of those who come to the conference, is essential to a beneficial and enjoyable time. Most important of all is the spiritual emphasis. There should be the desire to win youth to Christ and to see those who are already Christians grow in grace. Hence, sufficient time must be allotted each day for quiet meditation upon the Bible.

A valuable addition to the program of speakers, singspirations, and Bible study would be small discussion groups, in which members could share with each other their own particular thoughts concerning the conference theme, as the Holy Spirit has directed their devotional periods. This is especially effective as a variation of Sunday school on the last morning of camp, in order to condense and re-emphasize the high points of the conference.

Testimonies inspire all who listen.

Of course, there should be plenty of time for wholesome recreation, for the conference should refresh body as well as soul. Snow makes a perfect setting for winter sports, but if it isn't available, there need be no lack of activity, either inside or out! For evening relaxation which is useful as well as entertaining, a film with appropriate spiritual application is always good.

Decide on the distribution of activities throughout each day before camp begins, so that there are no quandaries about "what to do next." If the conference is only for two or three days, you can prepare attractive mimeographed booklets to inform campers of scheduled activities and meetings.

Another important item is the budget. Secure a cook to work out the menu and help determine the cost. If you have a church hostess, she will help you in planning the food, but if not, other ladies will probably help if asked.

Find out, too, if you will have to supply fuel for the kitchen and cabins.

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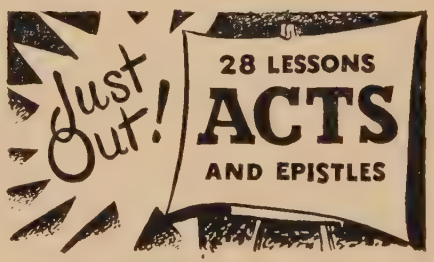

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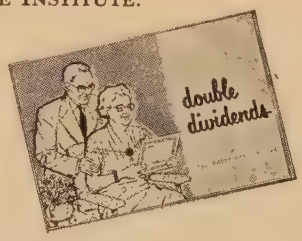

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Preparing the Lord's Supper

by Catherine M. Langer

BOTH women responsible for the preparation of the Lord's table in our church were going to be away for the Communion service. It was up to me to get the symbols ready.

Since I had never done it before, my first thoughts centered around getting the bread cut just so. But suddenly I remembered what the bread symbolized, and a feeling of unworthiness crept over me, making me pause, trembling. Soon I was praying over the bread, and I had a little worship service all my own there.

If anyone loves the Lord, it should be the one who has charge of preparing the symbols for the Communion service. Of course, we do not regard the bread and wine as the actual flesh and blood of Christ, but think of the significance of them: "This is my body which is given for you: This do in remembrance of me." "This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." It is nothing short of sacrilegious, then, to have as a Communion steward someone who daily tramples the blood of Christ underfoot. It is a sin to appoint or elect a Communion steward whose salvation is not a deep, vital experience.

We give much attention and prayer to the partaking of the Lord's Supper, but what about its preparation? END

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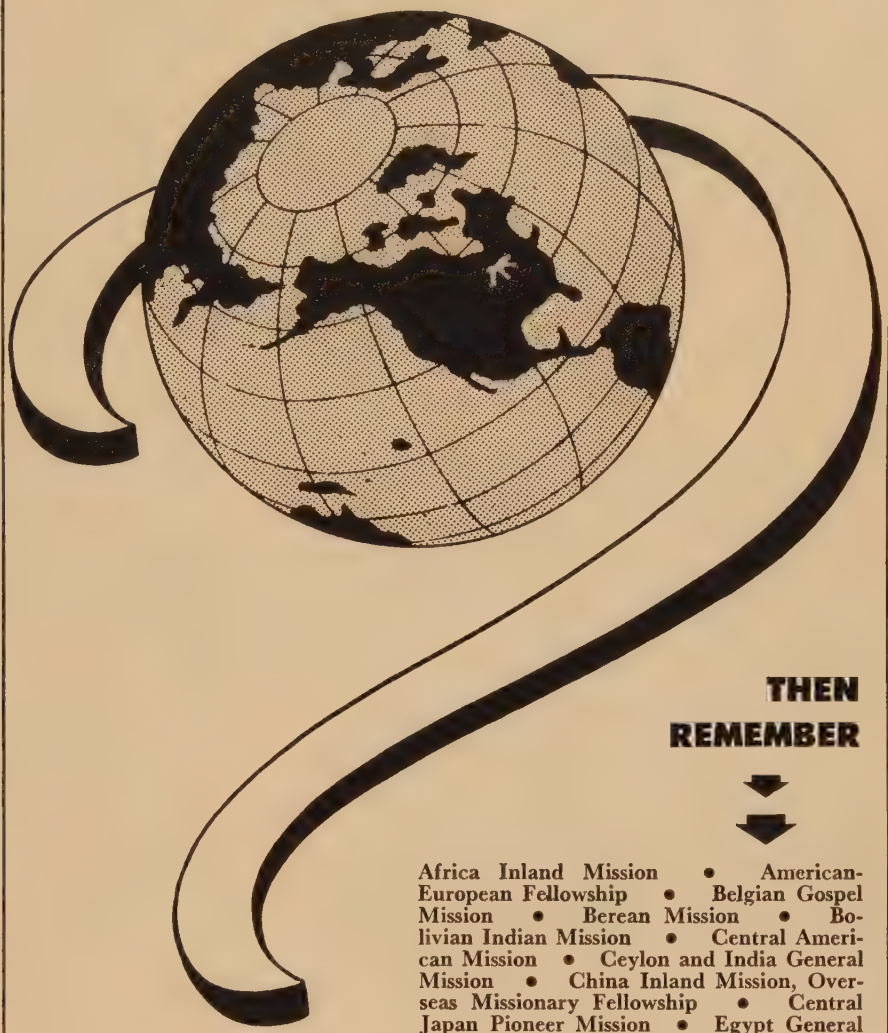

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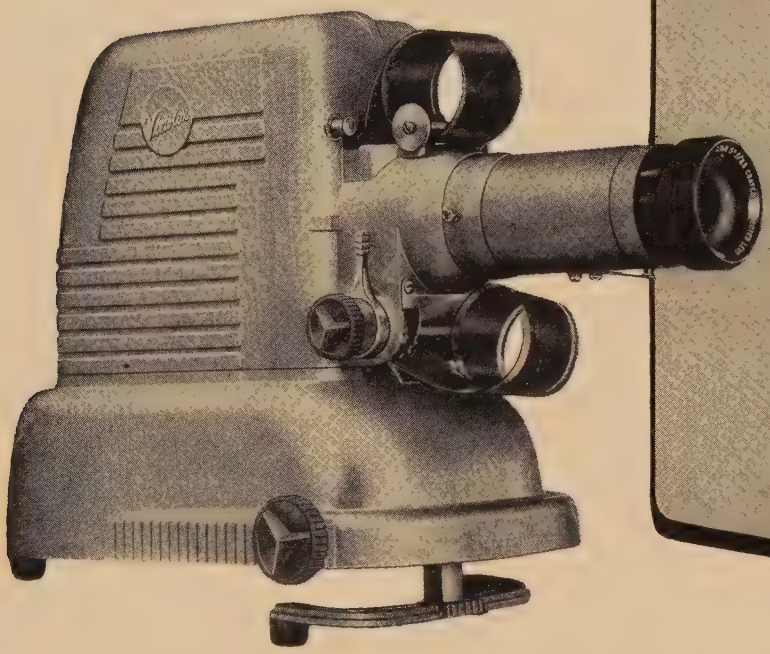

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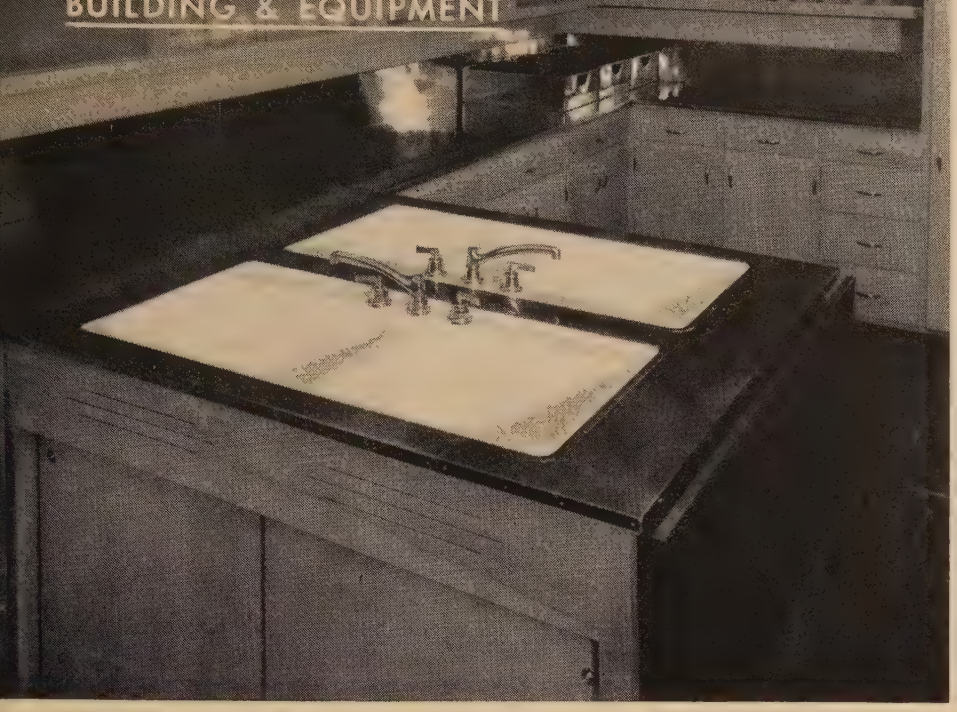

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Church kitchens are usually staffed by volunteer workers. Consequently, church planners must see to it that their kitchens are as efficient and pleasant to work in as possible, not only for the benefit of the workers, but for the glory of the Lord.

Generally speaking, the same things govern planning of a church kitchen as hold true for a kitchen in a private home.

What size crowd will your kitchen have to handle? From this you can determine how many and what sizes of refrigerators, freezers, sinks, stoves, cupboards, etc. it is necessary to have. Don't skimp on your planning. An overcrowded and overworked kitchen will not receive the proper care and will deteriorate more swiftly than one which is well-planned from the beginning.

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An efficiently-planned kitchen has three basic areas of activity: preservation center (refrigeration and storage space), preparation center (sink and cleaning space), and the finishing point (stove and serving area). While any one of the three areas is dependent upon the other two, they should be kept roughly separate and at the same time convenient to one another.

Be sure there are plenty of sinks and sufficient countertop space so that cleaning and preparation of food for cooking will not become a bottleneck in a production line. The sinks are the hub around which all kitchen activity moves and should be centrally located.

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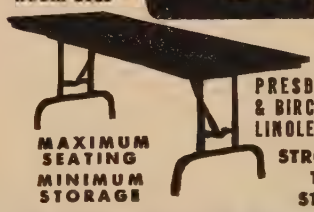

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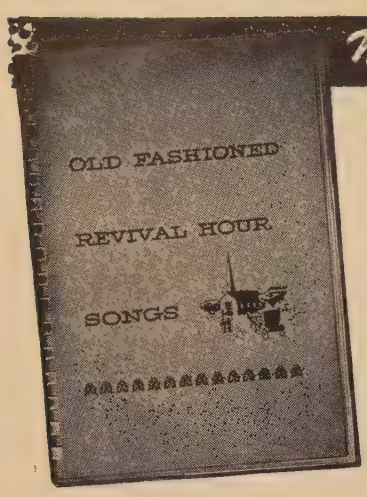

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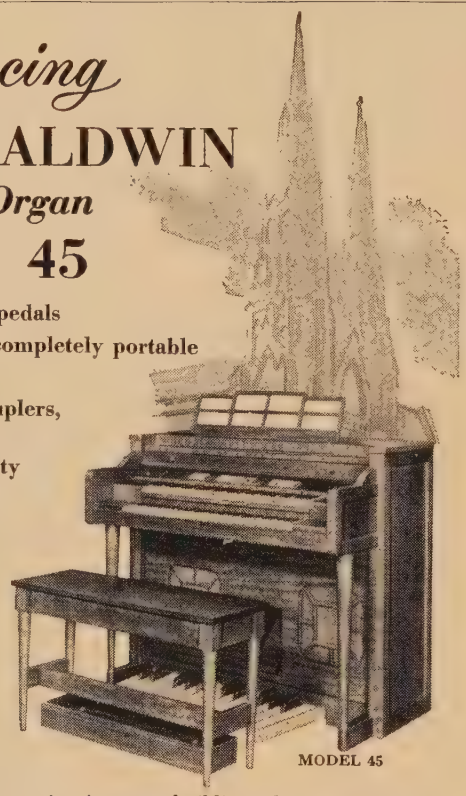
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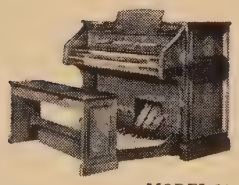
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For washing large pots, pans, pitchers and serving trays, a double-compartment scullery sink is needed. It is well to locate it in reference to the stoves, in the opposite direction from the food-preparation sink. Both sinks can be used for washing table dishes and silverware if the budget does not permit a dishwasher.

A restaurant-type dishwasher for tableware and glassware will eliminate much distasteful drudgery and improve sanitation.

The cooking area should be adjacent to the sinks and convenient to the dining area. Arrange stoves, wherever possible, so that there are serving counters opposite to them finished with heat-proof surfaces for convenient placement of hot dishes. Wise kitchen planners will place a steam table or food warmer across the aisle in front of the stoves.

From the hood over the stoves, a duct will lead to an exhaust fan and the outer air.

The preservation and food storage area is best situated near an outside door to receive deliveries. It should include ample counter space, with cabinets above and drawers below.

You can hardly be over-generous in planning cold storage. Most churches suffer from a serious lack of cold storage space. As a result of this, shopping must be done at the last moment in order to hold down waste, and there still is a considerable amount of loss because of lack of storage facilities either for new food or for left-overs.

A freezer is an excellent investment in convenience as well as economy. Foods may be bought while they are in season at low prices and stored indefinitely. Also, it provides ample storage space for left-overs which otherwise would be thrown out and wasted.

Room atmosphere contributes so much toward a willing disposition to work. The kitchen should be well-lighted and well-ventilated, and the decoration should be bright and cheerful and easy to keep clean.

Incidentally, enameled sinks are easiest to take care of and will retain their original beauty and usefulness indefinitely, provided they are kept clean and not abused.

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What makes us happy is that more and more church workers and leaders are getting benefit from the Readers Service section. The rejuvenated Readers Service department in July upped readers' inquiries 257 per cent above the totals for the spring months of May and June. Meanwhile, the total of pastors responding climbed 402 per cent and the number of Sunday school superintendents and teachers asking for more help rose 434 per cent.

Helping the active church worker is the purpose of CHRISTIAN LIFE; this response indicates that such a purpose is being achieved. If this eager response continues, CHRISTIAN LIFE's Readers Service department may answer 100,000 inquiries for information this year.

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by A. C. Hancock

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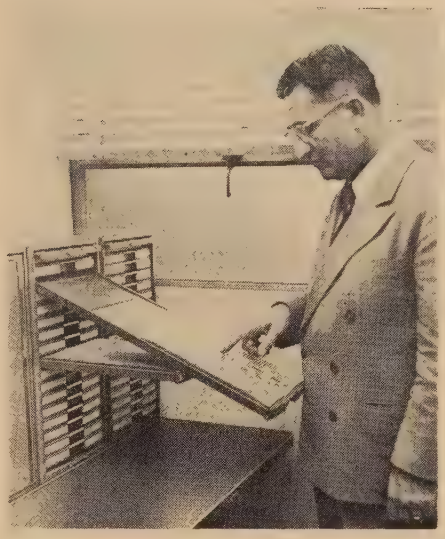
"This was fine for each group, and it would have been quite satisfactory in a smaller church. But with our 1,180 members and many additional non-members participating in church functions, it became almost impossible to know who was in what activities.

"As I see it, a competent pastor should be cognizant of the activities and potentialities of his flock. If Mr. Jones is attending Sunday school, but is not a Brotherhood member, there should be an easy way of knowing this so that a church worker can attempt to improve the situation. We have always had the church census, but this is a laborious task. By combining all basic organizational records into one master file, we have visible indication of each organization. The activities of every person, member or not, are clearly shown with colored signal tabs.



Pastor scans activities at a glance.

"Many prospective church members are in Sunday school classes, and conversely good prospects for Sunday school are found among church members. In this function alone, the record has more than proved its worth during the year it has been in service."

"When we find out about something that is better than what we have been doing," comments another pastor, "we want to use the better method. Formerly, we posted weekly contributions to the backs of our pledge cards. This gave a convenient method of making sure that members had fulfilled their pledges. At the end of the year we would return the pledge card to the member, for his use as evidence for income tax purposes. But if the member lost or misplaced the card he had no record of his contributions to the church, and it was impossible for us to substantiate his claim if it should be questioned by the Internal Revenue Department.

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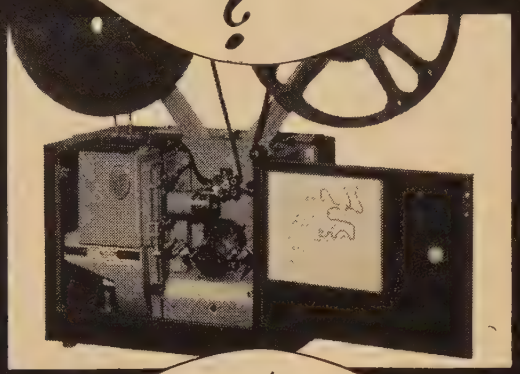

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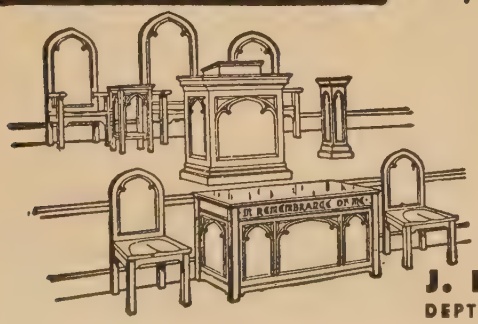

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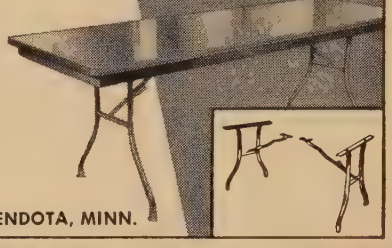

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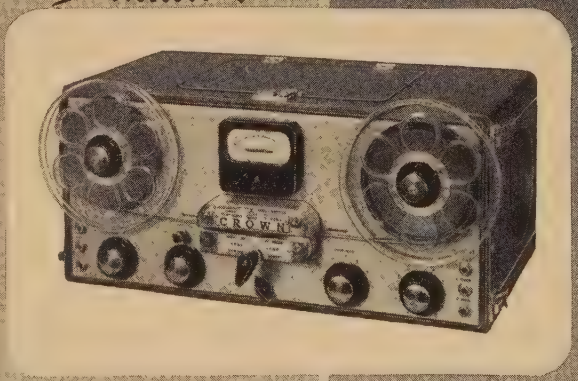

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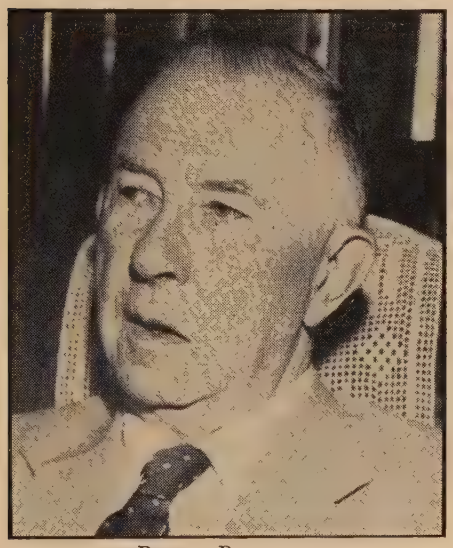
DENOMINATIONS

WCC Takes Stand for 2nd Advent

The Way Back

HALTINGLY and almost painfully the World Council of Churches has arrived at a spot few evangelicals thought it would ever attain on the road back to God.

At its second assembly in Evanston in August it reaffirmed its faith in a crucified, risen Christ and notified the world that He is coming again.



Bishop Berggrav
Was the Bible turned down?

With much spiritual wisdom and a great humility, it threaded the shoals of incipient modernism to propound a message on the assembly theme, "Christ — the Hope of the World," which said in part:

"He (Christ) came to us true God and true Man to seek and to save. Though we were the enemies of God, He died for us. We crucified Him, but God raised Him from the dead. He is risen! He has overcome the powers of sin and death. . . . He will come again as judge and king to bring all things to their consummation. Then we shall see Him as He is and know as we are known . . ."

This testimony, remarkable for the World Council, was not achieved without wrangling among the more than 1500 delegates and accredited visitors on the campus of Northwestern University. The original draft on the Christian Hope was amended several times before it took on its note of joyous expectancy.

The evangelical spokesmen in the WCC, however, did not escape completely unscathed. A scriptural basis for the WCC's membership qualification was turned down without a vote — ostensibly on a technicality.

And the delegates refused, in the debate over a statement on persecution of Christians, to censure Roman Catholic leadership in Spain, Colombia and Italy for persecution of Protestants.

The WCC took other action, including:

1. Approval of a resolution calling on the churches to end segregation of races among their fellowships.

2. It offered a challenge to laymen to engage in evangelism and not leave the bringing of the Gospel to preachers and missionaries.

3. It called on Christian churches throughout the world to spend a week praying for unity from January 18 to 25.

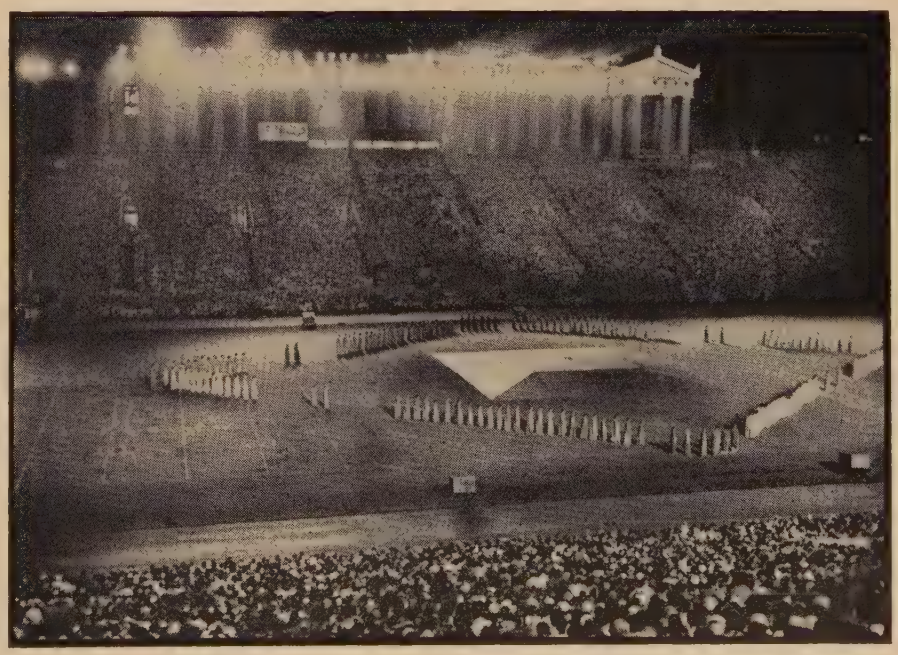
4. It took a firm stand against the use of nuclear weapons in warfare, and called for an end to the armaments race.

The great message on the Christian Hope came on the next to last day of the assembly sessions, even as evangelicals despaired of finding emphasis on Christ's second advent emerge from the wrangling.

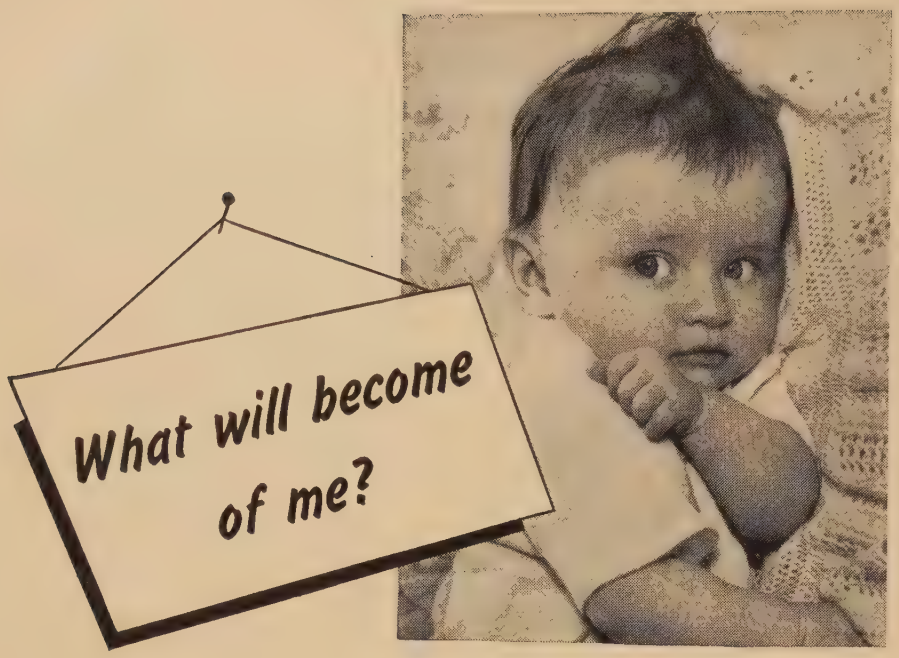
The defeat of Bishop Eivind Berggrav's proposal to add a scriptural basis to WCC membership, early in the assembly, seemed to augur ill for any conservative position. The present requirement is: "The World Council of Churches is a fellowship of churches which accept our Lord Jesus Christ as God and Savior." Bishop Berggrav, a Norwegian primate, suggested it ought to read: "The World Council of Churches is a fellowship of churches which in accordance with the Holy Scriptures confess our Lord Jesus Christ as God and Savior." The WCC's central committee explained that Bishop Berggrav's proposal was not made in time to act on at this session.

The assembly, as expected, appealed for the unity of all Christians but emphasized that the WCC itself does not seek to become a "super-church" nor aim to "initiate plans of union." It stated: "As the Holy Spirit may guide us, we intend to unite." It also called on each member church "to bring its conventions under study of the Word of God so that means to end the cleavages in Christendom may be found."

An expected battle over whatever Iron Curtain delegates might say failed to materialize. The assembly denounced Communism, but warned that perils to freedom might arise from the extreme right as well as the extreme left.



Pageant at World Council of Churches Opening Festival of Faith.
The separations grew less apparent as time went on.



"My baby is now 4 months old, is very dear, and wants to sit. He is my fifth child but only three are living. I was in a political refugee camp with my first two children where they died of malnutrition. A heavy fate lies behind us and today we still stand before the question: 'What will become of us?'

"But I pray means and ways will develop through people who have a good heart and do not live alone for themselves. I pray we shall survive this winter and find a new life for my baby and his sisters."

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Half of the Twelve

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They included the Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, the presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church; Archbishop Michael, primate of the Orthodox Churches of North and South America; the Rev. Dr. John Baillie, chaplain to Queen Elizabeth in Scotland and holder of the chair of divinity in the University of Edinburgh; Bishop Friedrich Karl Otto Dibelius, of the Evangelical Union Church of Berlin-Brandenburg; Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri of Buenos Aires, head of the Central Conference of the Methodist Church in Argentina, Uruguay, and Bolivia, and Mar Thoma Juhanon, Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar, India.

Of the six, at least one, Mar Thoma, is known to be strongly evangelical in faith. And observers looked for a strengthening of the WCC's doctrinal position.

Archbishop Michael, after his election, jolted the delegates during debate on a statement on Faith and Order by stating: "The Holy Orthodox church alone has preserved in full and intact 'the faith once delivered unto the saints.'"

That he wasn't just talking could easily be proved by a phone call to evangelical leaders in Greece who could testify the Greek Orthodox Church is apparently trying to put them out of business (see *World*).

But Is It Ecumenical?

THOUGH NOT much actual uniting of churches was done, the ecumenical (oneness) spirit was felt by many delegates to the World Council of Churches.

The meeting opened, for instance, with a giant Festival of Faith in Chicago's Soldier Field, where an action chorus (the word "dance" was taboo) presented a pageant drawn from Scripture.

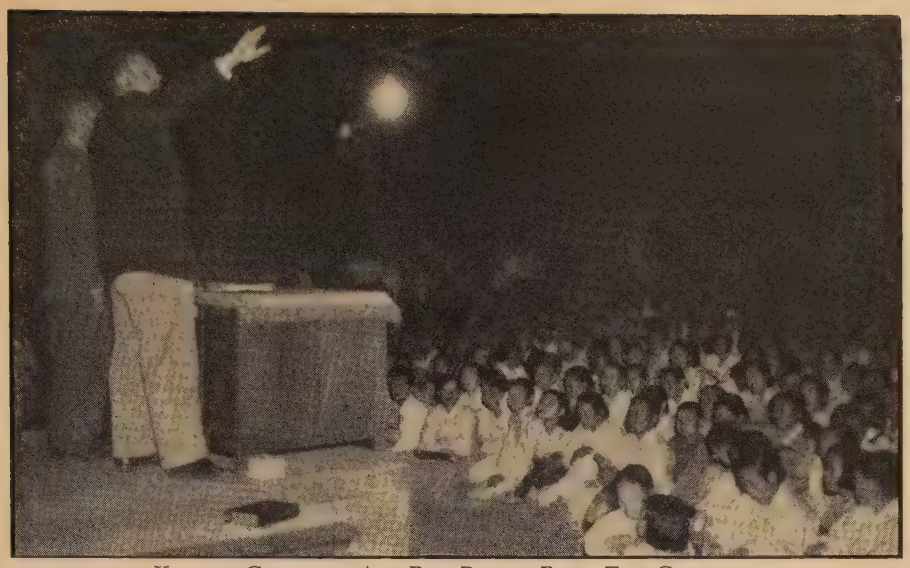
The meeting, according to many who attended, was so full of inspiration that some delegates who came to Evanston determined to fight to the last ditch for their doctrinal or procedural positions, surrendered on the spot.

In addition, at five Communion services delegates intermingled. The Methodists held an open communion; and even the Episcopalians invited all baptized believers to participate at their table — an action which drew protests from the Anglican Catholic wing of the Church.

McIntire Re-Elected

DR. CARL MC INTIRE, noted separatist leader, was re-elected president of the International Council of Christian Churches at the concluding session of its third plenary congress in Elkins Park, Pa.

He has headed the association of separatist fundamentalists since its organization at Amsterdam in 1948. Elected first vice-president was Dr. Kenneth R. Kinney, of Johnson City, N. Y. Regional vice-presidents newly elected were: Dr. A. B. Dodd, China; the Rev. Antonio Ormes, the Philippines; the Rev. W. J. Grier, Belfast; the Rev. Boon Mark Gittisarm, Thailand.



KOREAN CHURCHES ASK BOB PIERCE BACK FOR CAMPAIGN
Aware of their spiritual needs, Korean Christians seek God's blessings anew.

Re-elected vice presidents were: Dr. T. T. Shields, Toronto; Dr. W. O. H. Garman. Wilkinsburg, Pa.; the Rev. W. H. Guiton, Courbevoie, France; Dr. David Hedegard, Motala, Sweden; Dr. J. J. Van der Schit, Apeldoorn, Netherlands; the Rev. Francisco Pereira, Sao Paulo, Brazil, and the Rev. Baudilio Saavedra, Chillan, Chile.

MISSIONS

Praise for Protestants

PROTESTANT MEDICAL MISSIONARY activity won high praise from a Roman Catholic spokesman at the 38th annual convention of the National Catholic Women's Union. The accolade was given by Mother Anna Dengel, M.D., foundress and superior general of the Medical Mission Sisters in Philadelphia. Said she: "One must say it is to the honor of the Protestants that they have been the pioneers and leaders in the health field in the missions."

Mother Dengel's address was read for her. She is currently in Holland. In India, she pointed out, Protestants maintain 300 well-staffed hospitals, while the Roman Catholics have but 50, most of them small. Moreover, she said, Protestants have trained about 80 per cent of the 7,000 nurses in India.

Korean Campaign in Offing

BOB PIERCE, missionary evangelist and former CHRISTIAN LIFE correspondent, is returning to Korea to launch a series of meetings in October at the request of the National Council of Churches of Korea.

Pierce will be assisted by the Rev. Richard Halverson, assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, Calif.

The campaign will begin early in October with a pastors' conference and retreat in Seoul. Evangelical Christian pastors from various churches will meet for prayer and Bible study. During the last three weeks of the month, Pierce and his party, with the cooperation of all churches of the Council will put on a nation-wide evangelistic campaign.

The significance of the campaign is borne out by the fact that despite the devastation of their land, Korean Christians have grown in spiritual strength and power during the course of the conflict, according to missionaries. Early morning prayer meetings held even before the war have increased in attendance so that missionaries as well as nationals are praying that the campaign may presage a great national revival.

A veteran evangelist on foreign soil, Pierce first visited Korea with Gil Dodds, former track star, now track coach at Wheaton College and Bob Finley, now head of Students International, before the outbreak of war. First evidences of spiritual awakening there were noted by Finley in his article, "I Saw Revival" (CHRISTIAN LIFE, Aug. 1950).

Missionary U. S. Aid

JOHN C. BROGER, president of the Far East Broadcasting Company, served as consultant to the U. S. Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon recently. The FEBC organization is set up to broadcast the Christian message.

Tokyo Triumph

AN AMBITIOUS PROJECT started by the Japan Every Home Crusade has had one phase completed. Every home in Tokyo has either been visited with a tract and a testimony or it is pledged for by Christian workers. Sam Archer, director of the campaign, said that nearly 6 million tracts were printed, and many souls have been won to Christ as a result.

Help for Navajos

A NEW ORGANIZATION to evangelize and aid the Navajo Indians is making rapid progress. It is Navajo Missions, Inc., of Farmington, N. M., headed by Jack Drake and with a board made up of representatives of Baptist, Christian and Missionary Alliance, Congregational and Presbyterian churches. Besides evangelization it stresses work in health, and care of orphans.

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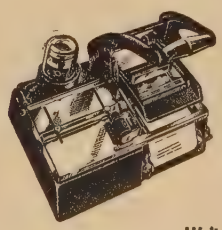

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ment made by Rev. Edward M. Gallagher, chaplain of St Anthony's Boys' Home in Albuquerque.

Said Fr. Gallagher "If one of its members goes wrong, it (the Roman church) has a right to cut him off, to excommunicate him, and if need be burn him at the stake."

Lest Roman Catholics who have turned Protestant begin to tremble, Fr. Gallagher isn't coming for them right away. He recalled that bishops have been adjured against "hasty and rash use of extremely severe penalties."

25 Years of Healing

MISSION HOSPITAL celebrates 25 years with its nursing graduates serving in ten different Spanish-speaking countries and a total of 26,388 patients interned in its 25 year history, the Latin America Mission's "Hospital Clinico Biblico" in Costa Rica celebrated its silver anniversary recently. The "Biblico" is recognized as the country's outstanding private hospital, with the wife of President Jose Figueres one of its recent patients.

Miss Marie Cameron, M.D. of Winnipeg, Canada, has been in charge of the work for almost the entire 25 years. More than 15 Costa Rican doctors also cooperate, headed by a former vice-president of the republic, Dr. Alberto Oreamuno Flores. The staff includes six other missionaries in addition to Dr. Cameron, plus graduate and student nurses.

In spite of strong clerical opposition when the hospital was first opened in 1929, the fame of its Christian nursing care has grown steadily and numerous conversions can be traced to its influence.

WORLD

Reds Step up Hate

COMMUNIST TRADITIONAL hate for Christianity, quiescent for several months, has exploded with renewed strength. From his vantage point in Berlin, CHRISTIAN LIFE correspondent Paul R. Haueter writes:

"Reports here indicate the Kremlin is organizing its propaganda for an all-out campaign against religion. Word has been leaking out for the past few months of a renewed interest in church-going among Russian youth. The Party has expressed alarm at the way the younger generation is 'going to the dogs' and has renewed its emphasis that only the cowardly who are to weak to face life need religion.

"Apparently many good atheists have been backsliding and are going to church."

Moscow Radio reports meanwhile indicate the same trend. The station reported a demand by *Trud,* Soviet trade union newspaper, for an intensified "scientific and atheistic propaganda campaign." And London monitors of Soviet broadcasts declare the stations have devoted much time to broadcasting atheist lectures.

Britain's *Intelligence Digest,* highly regarded publication analyzing world news, also reports that:

• No Church leader exists in Russia today who has not been examined and passed as doctrinally sound by the secret police.

• No Bibles have been printed since 1927. A copy of the Scriptures costs half a month's wages, and few can afford one.

• No one under 25 is allowed to become a member of a church.

• Religious leaders must propagandize for peace (Russian variety).

Adding authenticity to all this is the fact that East German Communist leaders have retracted a promise not to punish Protestants who spoke freely at the recent Evangelical Church Rally at Leipzig.

And Among the Romans

DESPITE ASSURANCES given in the U. S. by the Colombian Ambassador, persecution of Protestants in his country goes right on. Latest to feel the iron heel was an Evangelical Lutheran Church in Parpa. When some 240 communicants met on a recent Sunday amid the ruins of their bombed chapel to make plans for a new building and school, the village priest cracked down. The town's mayor, backed by a company of soldiers, forbade further services. And a report of the incident sent to church workers in Bogota revealed that members of the congregation were ordered to report for duty in public works of the municipality as a penalty for having held the service.

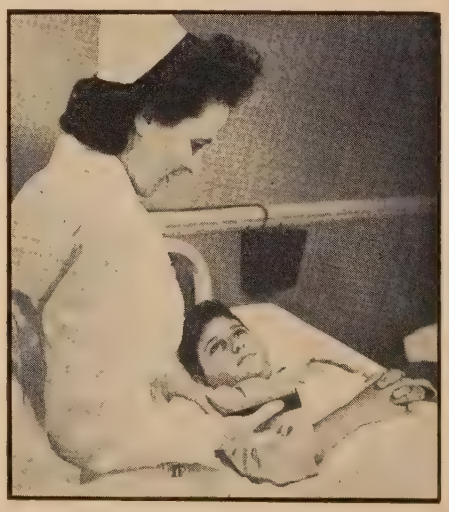
Meanwhile, in Washington, Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, National Association of Evangelicals' spokesman, filed a protest with the Department of State against an inaugural speech made by Lt. Gen. Gustavo Rojas Pinilla, Colombian president. The speech attacked the Protestant faith.

Taylor advised the State Department that "American Protestants . . . intensely resent the implication that Protestant missionary activity anywhere on earth either deprives people of Christian faith or is conducive to the spread of Communism" as had been alleged by Pinilla.

Fanning the Flames

A GRUDGING COMPLIMENT to Protestant evangelism was voiced by Pedro Cardinal Segura y Saenz, Archbishop of Seville, Spain, as he warned his parishioners against "the evils of Protestant propaganda."

The cardinal, in a pastoral letter, said the Protestant propaganda "has in the last



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Mission hospital ends 25th year.

few years been acquiring alarming proportions" and has carried on "impertinent" activity in his archdiocese. He said that a Protestant regional congress had been scheduled during the Summer in San Lucar de Barrameda on the subject of sectarian propaganda and added that "this is strictly forbidden and should be punished by our authorities."

The cardinal is an old hand at baiting Protestants, and this is his third major letter against them.

The Greeks' Denial

A STATEMENT by a high Greek theologian denying that Evangelicals are being persecuted oddly enough contained an admission that they had been. The theologian is Prof. Hamilcar Alivisatos, of the University of Athens, a leading Greek Orthodox leader.

In an article in the state church publication, *Ekklesia,* Alivisatos charged that a "false impression" that Evangelicals are persecuted in Greece is "being spread abroad through the worldwide Protestant press" by the Evangelicals themselves. But in the same article Alivisatos acknowledged that there have been "some bungling actions" by government officials over which the Evangelicals are justified in being "upset" but said these actions "are not approved by all" Greek Orthodox.

Which Orthodox do approve? The professor didn't say, but the Evangelicals will testify they are the very ones in the position to give them the most trouble.

NATIONAL

Churches and Members Up

WHETHER OR NOT it means anything, there are now more American church members than ever before. The number: 94,842,845, precisely 2,565,716 above the total last year.

Church-giving is also at an all-time high, construction has expanded eightfold since 1940 and the U. S. now has more churches, more clergymen and more Sunday School members than at any previous time in its history.

The figures were published by the Yearbook of American Churches for 1955. They mean that six out of ten Americans now hold church membership, Protestants number 55,837,325; Roman Catholics, 31,476,261; Jews, 5,000,000; Eastern Orthodox, 2,100,171; Old Catholics and Polish National Catholics, 366,088, and — here's a shocker — Buddhists, 63,000!

The church members belong to 255 different religious bodies, but 98.2 per cent of them are concentrated in 77 groups. There are 18 bodies with more than a million members.

Clergymen in charge of churches total 207,618, although there are 338,250 ordained ministers.

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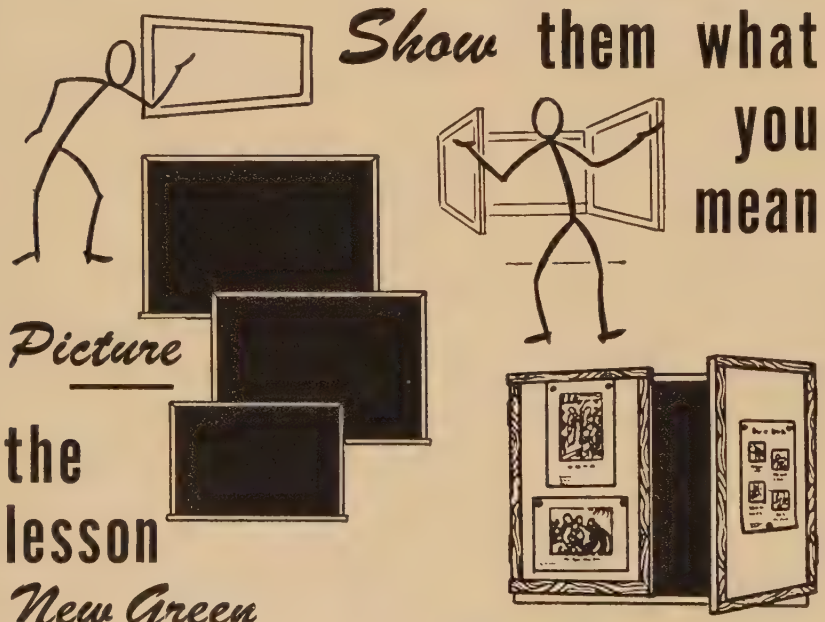

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Baptists Protest

TEXAS BAPTISTS are fighting a Federal Communications Commission examiner's ruling that they can't have a license to operate a TV station. The examiner, H. Gifford Iron, recommended in June that the Baptist General Convention of Texas be denied the permit to build a station at Corpus Christi because none of the six-member board lived there and actual management would therefore be invested in a station manager. He also objected to the station's advertising policy.

Baptists filed a protest with the FCC, which said, in part, that the examiner had perpetrated a "confused decisional theory" which resulted in his giving the channel to a commercial station.

Bill Aids Clergy

CLERGYMEN who don't have a residence provided by their parishioners will be able to deduct the cost of such housing from their income tax. This provision in the new tax bill was signed into law by President Eisenhower.

Ministers who provide their own housing can deduct the actual cost, whether they rent, build or buy their own homes. But if the housing allowance given them by their church exceeds the actual cost of their quarters they will be obliged to pay a tax on the difference.

Average saving is estimated at $180 to ministers affected. The new law continues a past provision that clergymen furnished with housing are not required to pay tax on it as income.

Lutherans' Win Award

THE MISSOURI SYNOD'S noted television series, "This Is The Life," won a write-in victory as the "Best Non-Network Religious Film Series" in the second annual TV Film Program and Talent Award poll conducted by *The Billboard,* entertainment industry publication.

The half-hour show series, produced by Family Films TV, was omitted from the ballot listing because it is not handled by regular distributors. Nonetheless it chalked up a total of 223 points from write-ins, as against 96 for its closest competitor.

Foreign Nun Influx

AS THE AMERICAN Roman Catholic Church increased its demands for bringing in of foreign nuns as non-quota immigrants to the U.S. to fill teacher vacancies, the hierarchy revealed that it was in difficulties because of a lack of interest on the part of young people to take up vocations.

President Eisenhower has signed a special act of Congress granting permanent residence in the U. S. to six Italian nuns and Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, warned that the lack of new priests and nuns "constitutes a crisis in the history of the Church in the United States."

Many Protestants have been complaining because of the many special bills brought in an endless parade before Congress to obtain entrance for foreign nuns.

Baby in the Jar

LAST YEAR Dr. Joseph Free, Wheaton archaeology professor, made significant

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discoveries at the Holy Land site of the biblical city of Dothan, famous as the place where Joseph's brothers plotted to kill him.

This year Dr. Free was at it again, and among the discoveries was the skeleton of a small child, probably less than a year old, buried in a large pottery jar.

Dothan seems to have been a bad place for kids. One of Dr. Free's finds last year was the body of a child buried — probably as a sacrifice — in the Dothan wall. And Scriptures say that during a siege of the city by Syrians (to capture the prophet, Elisha) hungry parents consumed their young.

Mississippi Miracle

IF MISSISSIPPI State College's football team this Fall plays with a new fervor, there's a reason. The whole college has been the scene of a revival in recent months.

It began in April when two college football players, Jim Coleman and Jim Baine, both of whom had previously felt called to the ministry, made their decision to follow God's will in the Calvary Baptist Church in Starkville.

According to CHRISTIAN LIFE correspondent Roger Heidelberg, things began to happen in the athletic dormitory. Baine began to pray for his roommate, Billy Davis. And midway of the revival at the Calvary Church, Davis walked in and accepted Christ. Boys on the campus began to say, "If it can change Billy there must be something in it."

A few days later Baine preached at a small country church near Starkville and two more grid players were won to Christ. Some of the boys in the dorm asked Jim to hold a special service for them two days later. Seven were saved, and four re-dedicated their lives to Christ.

The following Sunday evening Baine preached at the First Baptist Church in Starkville. Seven first decisions were recorded, and two came forward to rededicate their lives.

The following month Jim was invited to preach in his home town, Pell City, Ala. Nine varsity players went with him. As they arrived in town they came upon a street meeting where the preacher asked him to speak. Baine did so. The nine boys also gave testimonies. Next morning at the First Baptist Church 35 people came forward as new converts.

Since then the team has acted more like the 12 apostles than the varsity eleven. They got 2900 New Testaments from the Gideons and went into the dorms handing them out and witnessing. Many students have been won in this manner, and the sight of young men and women carrying Bibles around the campus is common.

Writers Meet for Seventh Year

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL Christian Writers Conference and Workshop, to be held January 27-29, 1955, in the Chicago offices of the Christian Writers Institute, is again expected to draw more than 100 writers and would-be writers from more than a score of states and Canada.

Such outstanding speakers as William F. McDermott, free lance writer, and Wesley Hartzell, city editor of the *Chicago-American,* will be featured.

Designed for both prospective and published writers, the lectures will cover magazine and book length fiction and nonfiction for juveniles and edults, newspaper writing, photo-journalism and church publicity. Workshops, giving opportunity for individual manuscript criticism, will be held mornings and afternoons.

As in other years, the first day of the Writers Conference will be combined with the closing day of the Evangelical Press Association Conference. EPA editors and publishers will be on hand to give editorial needs and advice.

EVANGELISM

Graham for Scotland

EVANGELIST BILLY GRAHAM will make a return to the British Isles next Spring. He plans a campaign in Scotland running through three or four months, his Minneapolis office has revealed.

Meanwhile an inspiring postlude to his London campaign was voiced in Minneapolis by Dr. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, the Archbishop of Canterbury, who said he was much impressed by two Graham qualities: his "complete sincerity" and "complete humility." One of the finest things Graham did, the archbishop said, was to refer his converts to the churches.

"To those who already were Christian and members of churches, Dr. Graham brought immense encouragement and confronted them with a decisive answer about what they really did believe, the archbishop declared: "He made them think what they did stand for."

Dr. Fisher reported that even before Graham arrived in England, however, there had been a "steady, non-spectacular return to Christian belief and churchgoing worship." He added: "There is no subject in which the people of England are now more truly interested than in the rediscovery of religion."

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Last Spring, when George Wilson, secretary-treasurer of the Graham association, passed through Edinburgh he made a contribution to the rehabilitation of the mission. In gratitude, the mission gave him the organ for the Graham headquarters in Minneapolis.

Holiday for Taverns

THE CALIFORNIA Youth for Christ organization's Fall conference may be held in Pismo Beach, Calif., in December. And thereby hangs a tale. The beach resort (recently the target of extensive vice raids) in an effort to counteract bad publicity invited the YFCers to hold the conference. And the tavern owners, an important part of the community's economy, promised to shut up shop while the conference is in session if only YFC will come! The conference is expected to bring about 1,200 teen-age delegates, officials and speakers.

First Negro YFC

THE FIRST CHARTER granted by Youth for Christ International to a Negro group was presented recently to the Rev. James L. Gleese, Director of the Memphis (Negro) Youth for Christ.

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MUSIC

Back Seats for the Choir

EVER WISH the choir in church would sing something you could understand or else shut up? If you did, don't apologize. It's a respectable wish. The Rev. Sterling Price, pastor of the University Baptist Church, of Abilene, Tex., told 130 church leaders attending a Music Conference in Alexandria, La. that choirs sing too much anyway. He had some other suggestions: stop asking the congregation to sing too many unknown hymns, don't let the choir sing music above the appreciation level of the congregation, don't "clown" during revival services and stick to the popular hymns.

No Tax on Singers

THE MISSISSIPPI legislature passed a bill exempting gospel singing performances from the state amusement tax. It was okayed after tax officials had persisted in assessing the amusement levy on gospel singing in Columbus, Miss. At one session bitter controversy over the difference between gospel and hillbilly singing disrupted the lawmakers for more than an hour.

Musical Chair

A GRANT of $25,000, allocated to Wheaton College, will go towards establishment of a memorial chair in church music. It was given by the Marguerite T. Doane Charitable Foundation of South Orange, N. J. Dr. William Doane, in whose honor the chair is being set up, was the father of Mrs. Marguerite Doane and the composer of numerous hymns including "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" and "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior."

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Back on the Air

FIVE YEARS ago Argentina swept all Protestant radio programs off the air in a resurgence of Catholic repression. Recently the ban was rescinded after 14 Baptist leaders had a talk with President Juan Peron. The president assured them no obstacle to renewed broadcasting would be placed in their way. Several groups are now sponsoring programs, and the Confederation of Churches is making plans to schedule programs as rapidly as time becomes available.

Tangier Radio Success

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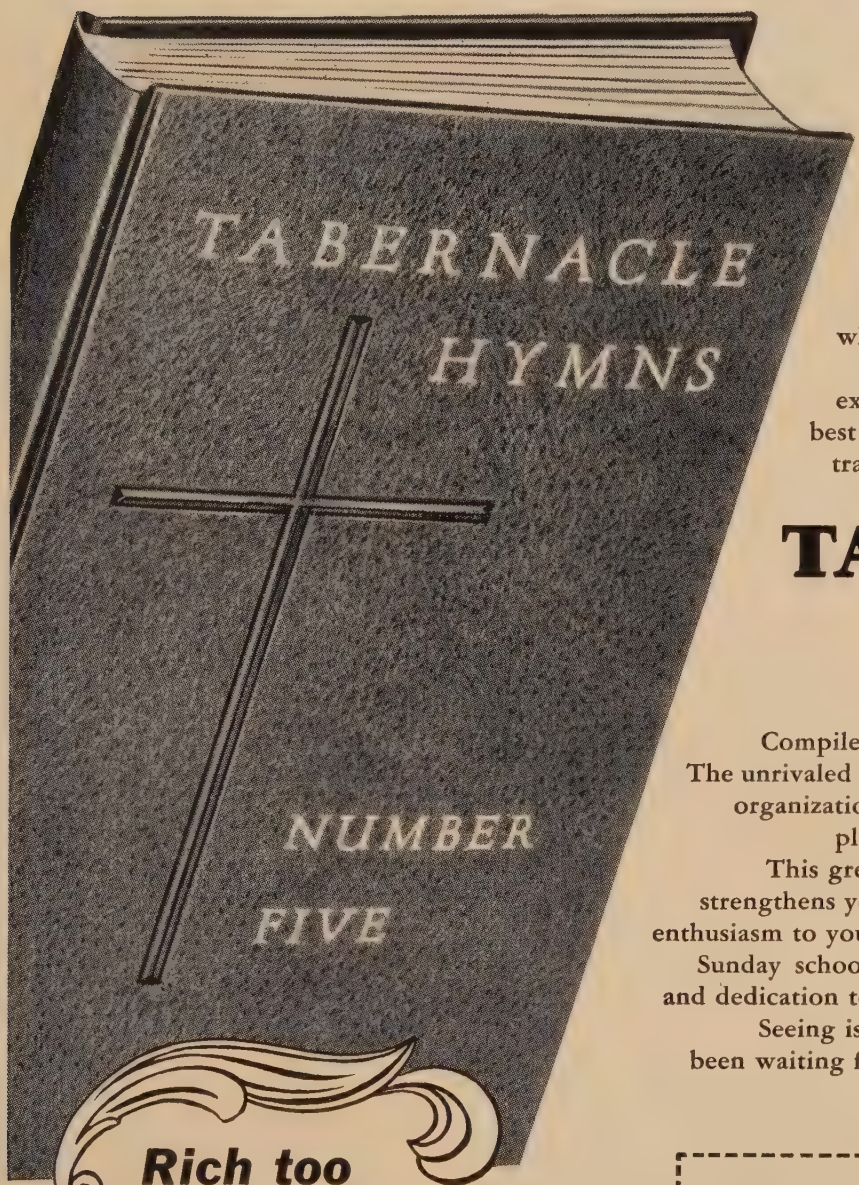

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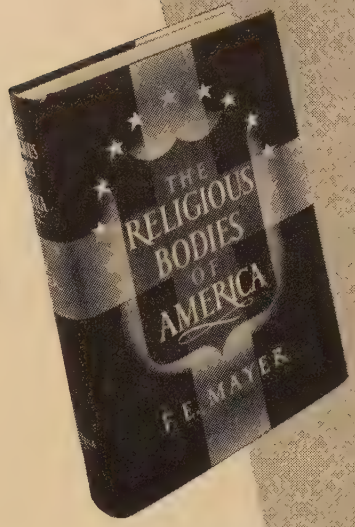

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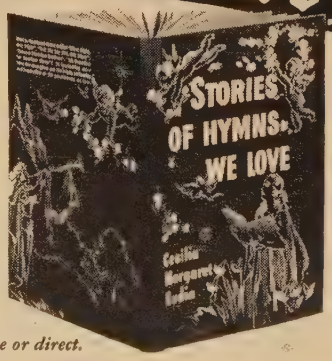

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FISH

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Elected to serve the association for the coming year were:

President — John F. Fish, Scripture Press Supply Center, Chicago; vice-president — R. Gordon Mitchell, Home Evangel Book Shop, Toronto, Canada; secretary — Mrs. Harold R. Young, Christian Book Shop, Kalamazoo, Mich.; treasurer — Lugene White, Students Supply Store, Wheaton, Ill.; executive secretary — William F. Moore, Moody Book Stores, Chicago.

Among the highlights of the convention, according to its executive secretary, were:

1. Book Store Clinics, in which problems of the store in the various salesbrackets were discussed.
2. "Church and Sunday School Library Workshop" presentation by Miss L. Wallin of the Christian Education Partner Service, Montrose, Calif.
3. Presentation by Robert Walker, editor of CHRISTIAN LIFE to both booksellers and exhibitors of CHRISTIAN BOOKSELLER, a new business magazine to serve the Christian Book Publishing field (See *Press*).
4. "Interior Display Helps" presentation by Elmer Sawatzky, of the Moody Book Store, Chicago.

The new correspondence course, "Salesmanship for the Christian Bookstore" was officially introduced.

At the closing banquet, book publishers and sellers heard Dr. Wilbur M. Smith, professor of English Bible at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif. bring a message in which he pointed out that "The greatest days for the publication of Christian literature are immediately before us, and we must have men in the publishing world of vision who will adequately seize this glorious opportunity."

Washington, D. C., was named site of the 1955 convention.

Christian Bookseller Launched

ADVANCE DUMMY copies of CHRISTIAN BOOKSELLER were distributed to dealers and publishers attending the fifth annual Christian Booksellers convention in Chicago recently. It was CHRISTIAN LIFE Magazine's way of announcing its new business magazine beamed to the growing Christian book field. CHRISTIAN BOOKSELLER will appear first as a quarterly

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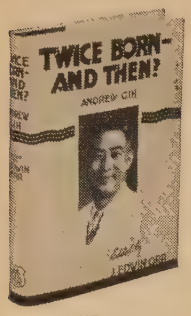

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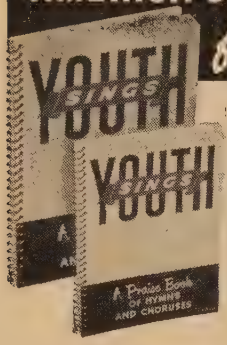

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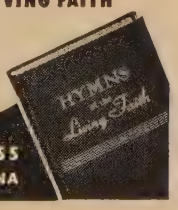

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America's Keswick

EVER SINCE Rev. Alan Redpath left his native England to take over the pulpit of famed Moody Church in Chicago, he has dreamed of an American conference like Britain's famed "Keswick."

In October his dream comes true. The first annual American Keswick will be held in Chicago from Oct. 23 to Oct. 30, with Redpath as chairman. Emphasizing the deeper Christian life, the theme is "All One in Christ Jesus."

Just to make it authentic, one of the featured speakers will be the Rev. George Duncan, of the English Keswick Council. Others will be Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, Thomas B. Rees, the English evangelist; Dr. A. W. Tozer, and the Rev. Arthur B. Whiting.

The whole idea, says Rev. Redpath, is "to promote New Testament holiness of life within the Christian church as the primary essential to revival and blessing in the world."

Against Sunday Shopping

PROTESTANTS AND ROMAN CATHOLICS have organized a "Don't Shop on Sunday Committee" to discourage the opening of stores for business on the Lord's Day in Sheboygan, Wis. Represented on the committee are the Sheboygan County Ministerial Association, Knights of Columbus, United Christian Youth Movement, Holy Name Society, Evangelical and Reformed Brotherhood, Sheboygan County Council of Churches, Council of Church Women, Christian Businessmen's Committee and the Gideons.

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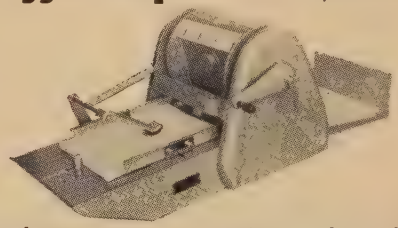

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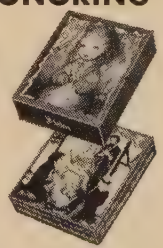

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A Universal Mental Liberty Temple was erected to their philosophy, and a Free Thought University was established to perpetuate it. But today a Methodist church now occupies the site of the defunct university. Other churches there, all thriving, include the Baptist, Disciples of Christ, and Church of God.

From Freud to Faith

IN VIENNA, where Sigmund Freud started a school of psychology based on sex, there is a new idea taking root. A group of psychiatrists have arrived at the belief that man's urge for spiritual life is equal to, if not greater than his drives for personal ambition and sexual gratification.

Leader of the movement is said to be Dr. Viktor Frankl, teacher of neurology and psychiatry at the Vienna University and president of the Austrian Society of Medical Psychotherapy.

Dr. Frankl's belief, it is said, is simply that "men and women are driven not only by sex and ambition but also by an overriding need for God" and that they "must overcome the modern notion that religion and God are not real needs and that it is 'unsophisticated' to search for a spiritual side of life."

Dr. Frankl's ideas are being disseminated, not in the pulpits, but in medical classrooms. Sample Frankl quotes: "Today, when most men and women have conquered their bashfulness about sexual emotions they are increasingly troubled by their suppression of religious feelings. They are replacing sex-shyness with God-shyness . . . We can hide our innermost feelings about God from other people, but if we conceal them from our own conscious minds we arouse (deadly) conflicts within ourselves."

Bible — Blueprint for Wealth

AMERICAN MINING EXPERTS, put on the hunt by biblical references to large copper deposits at Ezion-Geber in the Holy Land, are in Israel to assay the mineral wealth of the area. Re-discovery by the American School of Oriental Research of the ancient site of King Solomon's copper smelters have given added impetus to the geological and mineral survey of the area. Scientists have also found clues that valuable oil deposits may lie beneath the Dead Sea. Greeks and Romans knew the sea as Lake Asphalites because of chunks of asphalt that floated in it and provided tar for their galleys. Six firms have obtained drilling rights in the area.

Meanwhile, a biblical reference to the healing power of oleander leaves put researchers in Israel on the trail of a drug for cardiac trouble. The drug is "Foliandrin" extracted from the wild oleander growing in the Holy Land. It is said to have effects similar to digitalis.

THIS I SAW WITH

Billy on the Continent

by George Beverly Shea
as told to Paul Haueter, CHRISTIAN LIFE *Foreign Correspondent*

SEVERAL thousand people had gathered at the London train station to see us off. It recalled the welcome given to Billy Graham at this same place several weeks previously. But now we felt emotion back of this, for most of the people standing there had had their lives transformed. While Cliff directed on the one side I directed the people from the train window on the other side in singing "To God Be the Glory." It did something to me.

The voyage to Helsinki, Finland was a time of rest and reflection. The small ship was so crowded that we had to sleep in crew's quarters. I slept between the radio room and the jail. Half way through the night my bed began to shake as a rowdy passenger was being put into the jail next door.

A young minister coached me how to sing "I'd Rather Have Jesus" in the Finnish tongue. Finland was the first place where I tried to sing in a foreign language. During the song I glanced up and missed a line. When Cliff Barrows asked afterward "Did anyone understand Mr. Shea?" hands went up all across the meeting place. It encouraged me to try further. Often on the tour I sang "God Holds the World in His Hand", using gestures to help with the understanding. There was a good response in the stadium there and the committee rejoiced with us in answered prayer.

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When the time came to sail away from Finland the young pastor, who had given his time to teach me how to sing in Finnish, stood on shore and led the crowd in singing "When We All Get to Heaven." It was just something that one cannot forget.

Another highlight of our trip was the meeting on the public square of Copenhagen, Denmark. It began 10:30 at night. Because it was a curious crowd rather than church people, they did not sing heartily. Rain began to fall with the first sentence uttered by Billy. He asked, "What shall we do?" No one left, so Billy continued. At the close of the service 600 people walked to the inside of the church on the square where they were pointed to Christ.

Many of our employees in the Minneapolis headquarters are of Swedish background, so we looked forward to our meeting in Stockholm. I learned two songs in Swedish. During our visit there we collected some of the famous Swedish glassware.

The Amsterdam meeting had a similarity with the other places in interest and spiritual hunger. The expressions on the faces in the crowd seemed to ask, "What has this Billy Graham to offer?" A good choir provided most of the music, and we also contributed.

Next we traveled to Frankfurt, Germany where we recorded the "Hour of Decision" broadcast. It was wonderful to get back into an American community. The choir was composed of U. S. servicemen and their dependents.

Billy and I enjoyed a restful three hour trip by auto from Frankfurt to Dusseldorf. I thought it remarkable how the latter city had made such a complete recovery from gross war wounds. We found many signs announcing the rally. I was struck by the large number of young people attending the service. At the close of the meeting the invitation tent was filled to its capacity of 850 seekers. These were dealt with, turned out, and the tent filled again with others who waited for spiritual help.

I recall a visit to a tiny shop in Dusseldorf. Billy was with us and was relieved by a report from the doctors that he was improving. In a jovial moment he gestured as he often does when speaking. A customer was standing a bit too close and the gesture sent his glasses flying. While Billy turned and apologized to the customer, the shop manager came within gesturing range and got walloped in the false teeth. He fled for shelter into the back room to examine his dentures for possible damage. End of round one.

(After this interview Mr. Shea sang in German to the 80,000 assembled in Berlin's Olympic Stadium. Afterwards several Germans remarked how well he had pronounced the words). Concluded Bev Shea, "Right now as I think back on our tour it seems like a great hodgepodge of a miracle."

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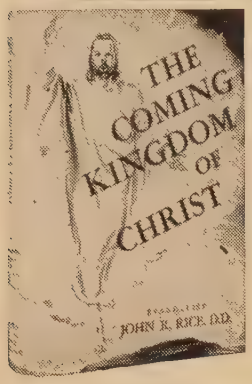

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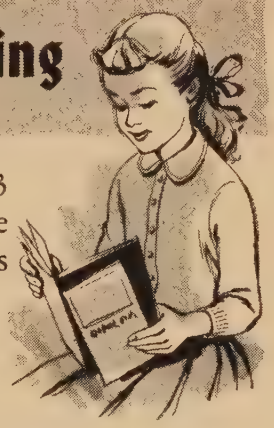

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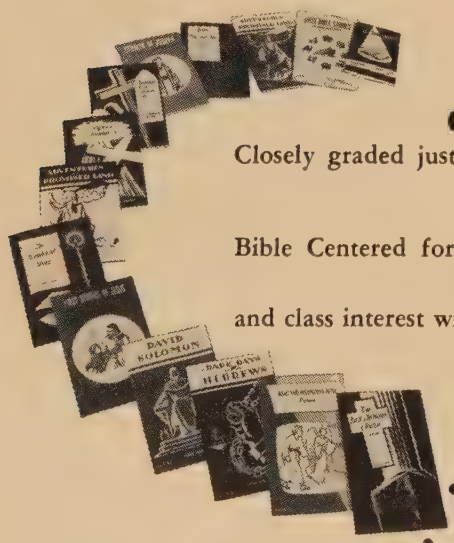

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BEHIND THE SCENES IN YUGOSLAVIA

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bulky nests on the chimney tops. It was also interesting to see farm women baking bread in outdoor brick ovens.

At about 10:30 p. m. we neared Belgrade. We were just boasting, "We finally made it," when suddenly the jeep struck a hole in the road with a jarring thud. The familiar swaying which followed told us that air was leaking from the convalescent rear tire. We threw our bags into a passing freight truck which stopped to offer assistance, climbed in, roared into the city and right on up a hill to where Hotel Moscow stands. Here we planned to get a night's rest on good beds. But since it was Marshall Tito's birthday, this hotel as well as all others were full of visitors. After many blocks of searching with suitcases in hand we found a place (I don't know what to call it except a "place") on a back street where we laid our weary heads down to sleep. The American Embassy came to our rescue the next day and helped obtain a new tire and make the jeep roadworthy.

But all of these petty annoyances faded into insignificance after we returned to Berlin. What remains clear in our memory is the joy of fellowshipping with Christians of Yugoslavia. And neither can we forget with what eagerness the peasants received the word of Jesus Christ the Redeemer. If the nation maintains contact with the West, it may become open to free propagation of the Gospel.

Yugoslavia needs prayer. The political situation there is unpredictable. Christians there need strength. Villagers seem open to God's Word; many appear obviously hungry spiritually. If God opens the doors to the Gospel there, and if American Christians would provide Yugoslavian Christians with help, I believe that country would experience a revival. END

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CAMPUS CHATTER

by Jane Hindman

IN 1954, religious news has sprung from its burial spot in short columns of fine print in the back of magazines and newspapers, to headline, feature story position. Books on religious subjects have captured seven out of ten spots in the best-seller list, and the air waves of radio and television tingle with reports of revival flames which keep leaping up in unexpected corners of the world.

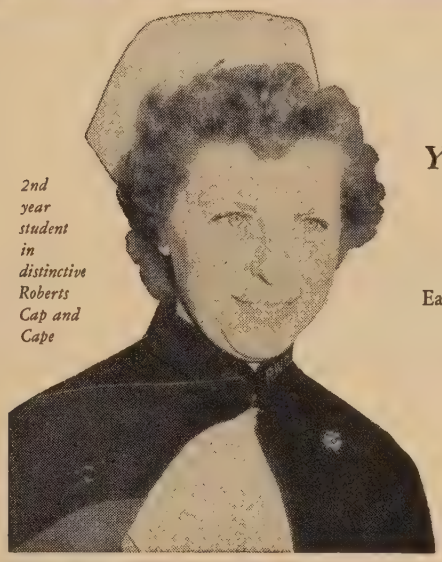
With science at last making its retreating bow to a Superior Power, and the additional factor of very rapidly increasing population numbers, it is not surprising that Christian schools should be letting out their seams. *Trinity Bible College* has reported that a 75 per cent average increase in enrollment in Christian colleges is expected in the next 16 years, and it won't be surprising if enrollment figures double themselves in some states.

Already, colleges, Bible schools, and seminaries all over the country are waving enthusiastic flags of exultation over the past year's record enrollment, and all summer long they have been frantically pushing out the walls to make room for the streams of coeds who poured over their doorsteps this September.

Westmont College went into rapid action over a campus "irrigation" project last summer, when the local fire chief proclaimed that no future building permits could be issued the college until a new 8-inch water main was brought into the college property. President Voskuyl reports that development of the athletic field came to a temporary halt when it was discovered that a hard pan just below the surface of the soil in the area above the proposed location caused severe drainage problems. A change in the location of the field has been considered.

Greenville (Ill.) College has endured throughout its hot, and extremely dry summer the distraction and noise of dormitory construction. But since the admissions office reports a substantial increase in enrollment, it looks like a necessary procedure.

Pacific Bible Seminary at Long Beach, Calif., is excitedly proclaiming a new, greatly expanded program, which it has developed "in the heart of the fastest growing area in the USA," with an eye to the influx of 200,000 people who come into California each year. Dr. Kenneth A. Stewart, formerly of *Lincoln (Ill.) Bible In-*



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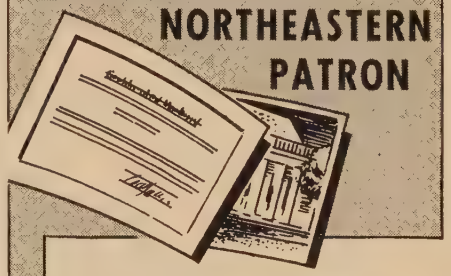

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stitute, heads the considerably increased faculty as president.

Looks like California can't claim all the honors for the West, however. *Seattle Pacific College* in Washington reported a 17 per cent increase in enrollment over the previous year's all-time high, and a 120 per cent increase over enrollment figures of ten years ago. They've just completed a modern $400,000 dormitory for men.

William Jennings Bryan University in Dayton, Tenn., has been eagerly watching its new Memorial Administration building come out of the ground. During this, their 25th anniversary year, Bryanites expect to see the completion of the multipurpose edifice, which will house, among other things, the new H. A. Ironside Memorial library, a kitchen extension, and faculty offices.

Another new feature (this one going into the ground!) has been planned to add to the picturesqueness of the Bryan hill campus. Telephone and electric wires are being sunk in a 200-foot underground system which will be more compact and serviceable, and eliminate the unsightly pole arrangement near the new building.

Speaking of ground-work, at *Stony Brook,* N. Y., Dr. Frank E. Gaebelein, in addressing the annual Headmaster's Club dinner, startled his audience considerably when he remarked that uranium had been discovered on the Stony Brook campus. Further explanation, however, revealed that the product to which the headmaster referred was "cranium uranium," in which, as a financier, he recommended unlimited investment for ample and constant dividend returns!

Stony Brook, too, is experiencing the need for increased dormitory space, as increased numbers of inquiries come in. Tentative plans have been drawn up.

Dirt, sand and rocks are flying again at *Wheaton (Ill.) College* campus, as the new science building begins to take shape. The three-story building is expected to reach completion within 12 to 15 months. It will house various chemistry labs, faculty offices and class rooms, as well as a lapidary for the use of the geology department in cutting and polishing of stones.

The science department hasn't taken over the school yet, however, and here to prove it are statistics from the survey made by Randolph-Macon Women's College of Lynchburg, Va., showing that *Wheaton* ranks third in the number of students taking Greek courses.

Baylor University, Texas, with its total enrollment of 4405, came in first place, with 404 Greek enrollments. Out of 550 colleges and universities holding membership in the Association of American Colleges, only 50 institutions were found to have had enrollments in Greek within the past four years.

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tion education. Bible classes meet in the local Evangelical Free church, but *Fresno State College,* which has a low tuition rate, and *Fresno Junior College,* which has no tuition charge, are being used for the liberal arts and applied aspects of the education.

Teaching on the Bible faculty are Elmer Seger, formerly of *Westmont College,* and Dr. Stanley E. Lindquist, formerly dean of men at *Trinity Seminary and Bible College,* Chicago.

Trinity, itself, has just acquired Dr. J. Barton Payne as professor of Old Testament and Hebrew. Dr. Payne, who comes from *Bob Jones University,* replaces Dr. Robert Culver, who has accepted a position at *Wheaton College.*

A different angle on scholarships came when a Memphis, Tenn., Jewish trust fund awarded an all-expense scholarship at *Southern Baptist Theological Seminary* to the youth director of the Memphis First Baptist Church! It was an expression, said the donor, of "inter-faith good will."

Scene of the International Council of Christian Churches convention in August was *Faith Theological Seminary* in Philadelphia. About 150 representatives from foreign countries and more than 300 from the United States discussed subjects on the theme of "The Historic Christian Faith."

The United States isn't the only "melting pot" of the world, as is evidenced by the new *Londrina* (Brazil) *Bible Seminary.* Indian, Japanese, German, Italian and Brazilian students merge with their American teachers to form a center of evangelical force in this "hotbed for Communism."

Fuller Theological Seminary is rejoicing in its acquisition of a full-time president. Dr. Harold Ockenga, pastor of Boston Park Street Congregational Church for 22 years, and president in absentia of Fuller, during its first seven years, has given up his pastoral duties to devote full time to the seminary. Dr. Everett Harrison, on sabbatical leave in Germany during the past summer, wrote from the *European Bible Institute* in Paris, of the more than 35 students, speaking 11 languages who make up the student body of that school. Great emphasis is put on practical work, he reported, and the school is practically deserted over week-ends.

Many American students are no less interested in soul-winning, or so the records from various Bible schools around the country indicate. *Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary* at Berkeley, Calif., reports 20 missions started, 10 churches organized, 468 people converted, and 466 baptized in the last term of eight months. And the practical work department at the *Free Will Baptist Bible College,* Nashville, Tenn., indicates that last year saw 765 decisions made for Christ, a total of 2,672 persons witnessed to, and more than 65,000 gospel tracts distributed in services and work groups in the vicinity of Nashville.

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Multnomah has been allowed to continue as a Bible institute requiring more than 60 per cent of the studies of all students to be in Bible and doctrine, still maintaining its degree-granting status. This is possible, since the school requires two years of liberal arts requirements at an accredited college, as a prerequisite to the Bible studies. Last year, for the first time, the school was granted permission to confer the Bachelor of Theology degree.

Another school which has just been permitted to grant this Th. B. degree is the *Detroit Bible Institute.* Standards for the five year course have been revised to meet state requirements.

Gone are the days when there were extra minutes between classes at the *Pacific Bible College,* Fresno, Calif., in which to enjoy that gab session a little longer! Students are learning the rules of punctuality now, since the graduating class of 1954 presented the school with a time clock which automatically controls the system of class bells.

Adding to the list of new buildings which are springing up on campuses around the United States, is the *Moody Bible Institute* music building, which is making rapid progress toward completion.

Moody Chorale members are still bubbling with enthusiasm over experiences during their summer tour of the British Isles. They spent five weeks, singing in 25 different cities, and presenting programs aboard ship also.

It's the sign of the fish at *Gordon College!* Dr. Donald F. Tweedie, assistant professor of philosophy at this Boston school, has explained the meaning of Gordon's familiar symbol. The fish, he declares, symbolizes the creed of the Church of Christ down through the last 20 centuries. Each letter of the Greek work begins another word, making an acrostic which reads "Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior." Thus, says Dr. Tweedie, the essence of all truth and the key to history is represented in Gordon's symbol.

Dr. Milo A. Rediger, dean of *Taylor University,* has spent two months in a study tour of Africa, becoming acquainted with the mission stations and staffs, especially in the Belgian Congo. This trip, which also includes a brief stop in the Holy Land, will be valuable as background for his new position as chairman of the Congo Inland Mission Board.

The student wives down at *Bryan University* have rolled up their sleeves and gone to work—but from all evidences, husbands had better keep a close eye on their wardrobes for the zealous ladies do missionary service by making infants' wear from men's socks, hospital gowns from men's shirts and rolling bandages made from sheets! Organized as a Bible study and service group, the ladies also do "babysitting," and hold weekly prayer groups.

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Missionary Exploits Recorded Vividly

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book selection of the month

GIANTS OF THE MISSIONARY TRAIL. By Eugene Myers Harrison. Scripture Press. 184 pages. $2.50.

IT ISN'T headline news when lives of missionaries are published except when they receive such a pointedly realistic recording as these considered by author Harrison, himself an ex-missionary.

There is no impressionistic display of sordid facts, nor fanciful retouching with the brush of romanticism. Rather, the ugly, sin-reeking experiences encountered by these dedicated men, as well as their moments of joy and victory, are written with objective precision.

Henry Mott, the consecrated bricklayer, who went to Tahiti is first considered. Harrison's descriptive pen ably pictures these crude people who are extremely adept at thievery, picking vermin from human heads and decorating their religious shelters with thousands of human bones, the remains of sacrifices offered for sin. With these Tahitians Mott labored 22 long, devil-hunting years before the first convert was baptized, but King Pomare II was a prize worth waiting for.

A better-known missionary, William Carey, who spent 41 years in India, is next reviewed. Agriculture, horticulture, education, business, linguistic labors as well as social reform were among his sacrificial pursuits.

The record of George Grenfeld's experiences in Africa does not display an appetizing dish. Among other experiences, he saw slave raids, nauseating sensualities, the practice of cannibalism and sadistic methods of punishment such as the savages burying live "murderers" with the victim corpse.

Burma is next considered in the life work of Adoniram Judson. Harrison unveils with candid simplicity how Judson's life was influenced by the burial of his first child at sea and the subsequent burial of others in Burma, the illness and death of his wife, the filth of the village where dogs and pigs barked and squealed all through the night hours, the agonizing trek across blistering hot desert sands, being driven by sin-crazed Burmese and two years of living-death in a vile, windowless prison.

Samuel Marsden witnessed for Christ in New Zealand and New South Wales. You can imagaine the pulse-beat of this courageous saint as he approached the shore of New Zealand which was infested with hooting, spear-wielding cannibals whose mouths still dripped with the saliva of a recent victory in which they captured the English ship, Boyd, sold into slavery the crew of 70 men, two women and a boy, and slayed and ate 67 others.

Back to the Dark Continent, Harrison relates the sacrificial life of the Pathfinder —David Livingstone. This untiring, Christian adventurer walked and paddled 29,000 miles through the heart of Africa, always pressing on so that Africa might be opened for Christian missions. This was performed in the face of unbelievable difficulties, but was possible because Livingstone's heart was there, and still is, as dust, buried in the heart of Africa by two of his devoted, black companions.

The two missionaries last mentioned by the author are James Chalmers and Jonathan Goforth. Chalmers labored among the natives of New Guinea "where war and murder were considered the finest of arts," and Goforth spent himself in China.

Throughout this missionary narrative Harrison seasons his historic sketches with preaching. Readers are not allowed to remain in their comfortable seats as spectators. This tendency of preaching is often assailed by literary critics; but those who read, after living a few intriguing hours with these spirit-filled men, will wonder how the author constrained his pen and

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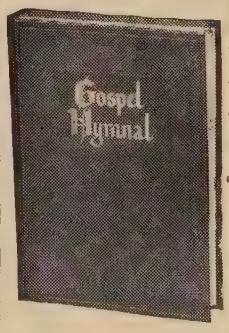

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(c) Books of *moral and spiritual import*: The titles are: "Getting Along" (Grade 3); "Why" (Grade 10); "Christ In My Life" (Grade 11).

(d) A book on *history* entitled, "Luther and the Reformation."

The religious tone of this series reminds one of the good old readers of former years. In comparison with these readers, the content is better adapted to the needs of child life. The organization of materials is on a unit basis. In its methodology it follows the modern trend — cooperative activities, informal pupil-teacher discussions and small study and work groups with a child as leader. Since the average child attending weekday classes reads with difficulty, the material presented especially in the lower grades may prove to be too difficult.

In general, the books are well-written. Some passages have literary merit. All is delightful reading. The series aims to improve the moral habits of young people, but in introducing the discussion on "God," Corky explodes with a minced oath: "Gee, I didn't know that . . . Jesus was God . . ." I was also disturbed that in another passage movie attendance is evidently taken for granted.

The book entitled, "Luther and Reformation," is worthy of special mention. Although this book is intended for Lutheran children no antagonism against other Protestant groups is evident. The book is vivid in its presentation and interesting in its detail. It should be an asset in any juvenile library of Protestant faith.

Another noteworthy feature of this series is the pedagogical helps that abound throughout the series. Not only do the children's copies bristle with thought provoking questions, but the teacher's copy contains much added material, including method of treatment of subject matter.

The biblical quotations are from *The Holy Bible, Revised Standard Version* published by the National Council of Churches. *(Reviewed by Mark Fakkema.)*

Biography

THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD: *Luther Studies. By Gordon Rupp. Philosophical Library. 375 pages. $7.50.*

Gordon Rupp, who belongs in the front rank of modern Luther students, presents this fascinating and scholarly series on the great Reformer. The first deals with the history of the Catholic attack upon Luther in biographical and historical studies and

shows how the attack has been met. Then follow studies of the place of Luther in England. From this Luther's spiritual development is considered as Luther finds his own way into the great truths of Reformation doctrine. It is meticulously done but thrilling, listening to Luther himself. Finally Luther's relation to Erasmus and the Lutheran view of the state and of the church are discussed. For any lover of Luther who has not followed the latest discoveries carefully this book will be a revealing and spiritually encouraging experience. *(Reviewed by Paul Woolley)*

Juvenile Fiction

THE LIGHTHOUSE KIDS & THE OYSTER PIRATES. By Lionel A. Hunt. Van Kampen. 92 pages. $1.

An interesting story of a happy foursome of children in the exotic setting of a lighthouse. It's obvious that the author knows the locale about which he writes. His characters are well drawn and the Gospel is woven naturally into the tale. However he does have a tendency to wordiness and an annoying habit of taking the edge off the climax to come by some variation of the phrase, "Little did he know what was in store for him on the morrow." This volume, which teaches while it entertains, will make a good addition to any library. *(Reviewed by Bernard Palmer.)*

Evidences

THE GREATNESS AND GRACE OF GOD: Conclusive Evidence that Refutes Evolution. By Clarence H. Benson. Scripture Press. 224 pages. $3.

Strange events are taking place these days. Not too long ago it was thought that the church had to be scientific in its approach in order to be respectable. Now, to a degree, scientists have to be religious to be acceptable. Of course, not all intellectuals are Christian. But there has been a reshaping in the thought patterns of people who understand current events and trends.

Into this scene Clarence Benson has reworked and combined his *Immensity* and *Earth, the Theatre of the Universe* into this present volume. The book is divided into two parts, The Greatness of God and The Grace of God. Part One is a study in astronomy and concerns itself with the distances between heavenly bodies, the speeds and spheres of movement of them and the power entailed in these movements. "The movement of the earth flashing through space in one second exhibits more power than a million Niagaras could produce in a million years."

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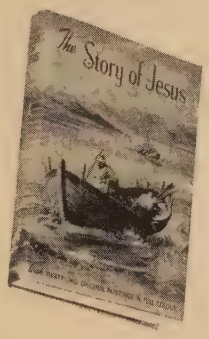

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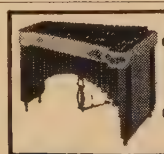

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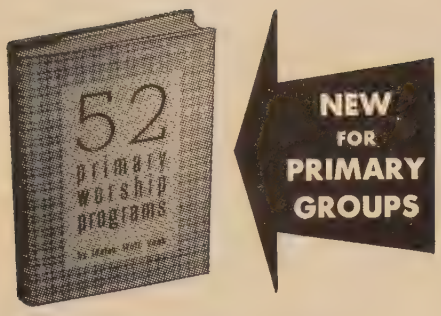

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Due to the mass of information in this book, especially in Part One, it is a valuable addition to the library of the student of the written Word.

PROTESTANT CHRISTIAN EVIDENCES: *By Bernard Ramm. Moody Press. 252 pages. $3.50.*

Christian Evidences is defined in this volume as a division of Christian Apologetics dealing with the factuality of the Christian faith.

In the second chapter the author defends evangelical Christianity against the attacks of naturalism and modernism. This is by far the most technical part of the book and the author suggests that the novice may well omit this section. In the remainder of the volume Professor Ramm deals with the evidential value of miracles, the person of Christ, the resurrection, Christian experience and the Bible. In each case he seeks to show the tenability of the supernatural claim and the validity of the evangelical Christian faith.

Again and again, the argument turns back to a more basic problem — the matter of authority. Can Christian evidences properly be separated from careful consideration of inspiration and revelation? In the light of contemporary theological interest the evangelical apologist must come to grips with this problem once again.

The book is marred somewhat by errors both typographical and in matters of form.

We must add also that this volume placed first in the recent Moody Press textbook contest. It will serve a very useful place in filling a gap in the general area of Christian Apologetics. *(Reviewed by Warren C. Young)*

Biblical

DANIEL AND THE LATTER DAYS: *By Robert D. Culver. Revell. 221 pages. $2.50.*

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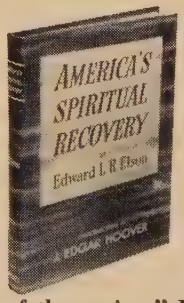

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Doctrine

FAITH AND JUSTIFICATION. *By G. C. Berkouwer. Eerdmans. 207 pages. $3.00.*

The professor of Systematic Theology in the Free University in Holland is busily engaged in writing his study of theology in 19 volumes. As it appears, the series is translated into English. Judging from the ellipses throughout this volume, the English version must be an abridgment rather than a translation of the complete work. Probably this does not impair the value of the work for the American public.

The author surveys rapidly the various approaches to the doctrine of justification in the history of the Church. He endeavors to defend the Reformed approach of justification by faith against the Catholic as well as liberal views.

A valuable part of his study is the critical analysis of the contemporary emphasis upon justification from eternity. Professor Berkouwer points out that the new theology tends to ignore the historical significance of the cross as the way of justification. The disjunction between time and eternity as found in the new theology leaves no place for the work of Christ as an historical act. Such an approach leaves no place for the traditional evangelical approach to Christian theology as Professor Berkouwer clearly recognizes. On the whole, this is a timely study. *(Reviewed by Warren C. Young)*

OTHER BOOKS IN BRIEF

These books have not been reviewed by CHRISTIAN LIFE editors. They are merely listed for your convenience.

THE POWER OF PRAYER. By Bertram Day. Christopher. 375 pages. $4.

Written by a layman, this book seems to reveal many insights which apparently have been missed by many of the clergy. Although it contains material which will bring forth argumentation among evangelicals and liberals alike, this book is one which deserves a reading by students who desire to know more about the important subject of prayer.

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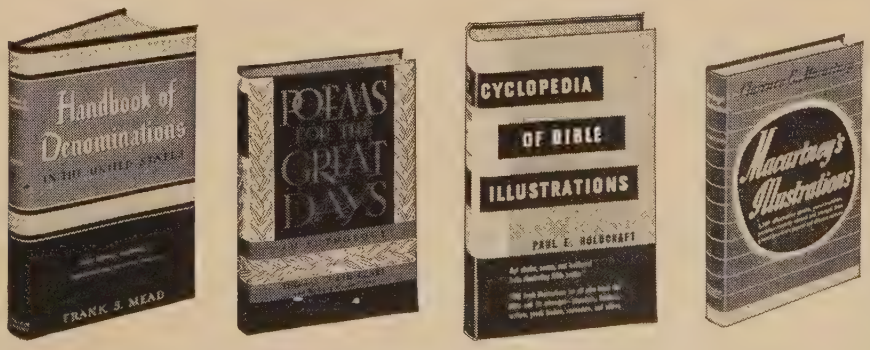

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We learned of missionaries who worked for the railroad on the section, who cut timber and hauled gravel, not only to augment their meager income, but as a means to help win the reluctant to Christ.

Oak Hills, a unique missionary work in the sparsely settled northern half of Minnesota, covers a 75 mile radius around Bemidji. The more than 50 missionaries of this faith work which has no denominational ties or support, work in 11 chapels and 18 Sunday schools and Bible study groups, bringing the Gospel to both Indians and whites. In addition, there is a full released time program throughout the area during the school year and two score daily vacation Bible schools during the summer. A full camp program is carried on and the Bible Institute, launched in 1946, has a current enrollment of 43.

In November, 1923, when Rev. W. S. Cummings, an intense, driving servant of the Lord, gathered the first little group of Christian laymen together, they envisioned nothing more than studying the Bible. As the months passed, however, the burden of their unsaved neighbors and Cummings' insistent goading pushed them into organizing other Bible studies. And in June, 1924, they held a training camp to instruct Christians in soul winning.

By this time Cummings was dreaming of what was to come. An impetuous, headstrong man who, early in his career, commanded his associates to forget his given names and use his initials in addressing him, he clashed often with his superior in the American Sunday School Union over the matter. In 1925 he stepped out on faith to accomplish the purpose he was certain God was calling him to.

The group bought 14 acres of lakeshore two miles south of Bemidji and raised money to build the first small cabin by doing deputation work in the local churches.

Old Main, now the boys' dormitory and laundry, came next. Two girls from Northwestern Bible School of Minneapolis had come out for the summer and were holding a series of daily vacation Bible schools and the first children's camp became a reality. The Bible study group that had been meeting in a blacksmith shop at Salway, Minn., moved to a school house and later built their own chapel.

In 1928 the present superintendent, Jim Schreiber, a tall, lanky Dutchman with a soft smile and deceptively mild blue eyes, came to work with the fiery Cummings. Fresh from the Moody Bible Institute where he had studied after being graduated from Wheaton College, Schreiber came to Oak Hills with Rufus Park, a chalk talk artist and evangelist, and Strat Shufelt.

For two years Schreiber worked among the outstations in the back woods of Minnesota. In 1930 Cummings decided that they should move out to the camp grounds to live.

"That doesn't sound like much when you look around at our facilities now," Schreiber said, smiling. "But it was different back there when we worked on a bitter cold Thanksgiving morning laying flooring and ate our Thanksgiving dinner with our overshoes and heavy coats on."

One of Cummings' eight children, 11-year-old Julianna, got double pneumonia in the spring of 1931 and passed away. Cummings, himself, preached the funeral sermon.

"He spoke on 'tears' that afternoon," the present superintendent said, "and I really began to understand this man I'd been working with. In his grief he opened up his heart and poured out his dreams for Oak Hills. He wasn't the easiest man I ever saw to work with, especially during those difficult months of his last illness, but he was a man of tremendous mental and spiritual stature."

Cummings was always a stern man who drove his associates no less hard than he drove himself. More than once he walked 25 miles through the cold and snow to take clothing to a needy family.

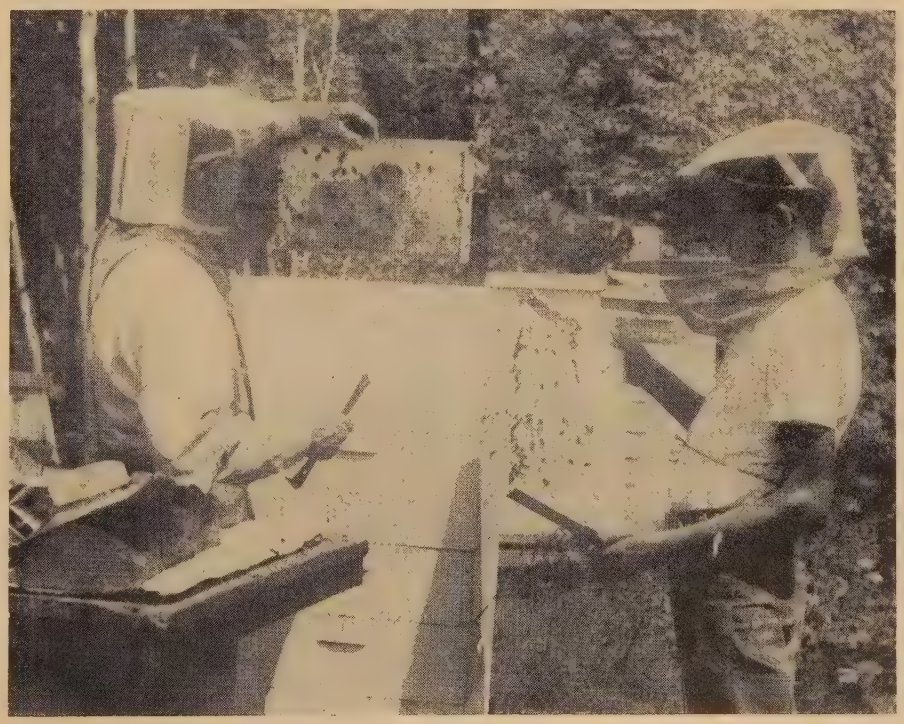
With all of Cummings' drive and perseverence the work of the Fellowship grew. At Boy River, a Ladies' Aid asked Oak Hills to help build a chapel and to accept title of it.

The first convert there was 70 year old 'Blue Joe' Rousson, a tough, snuff-chewing lumber jack who had never heard of Christ except in blasphemy. Another, saved as an eight-year-old boy, spent three years at the Christian training school on the grounds after completing high school, and at present is at Bryan University.

The year following the death of his little girl, double vision began to trouble Cummings. An operation disclosed a malignant brain tumor. On Sept. 10, 1932, he died and Jim Schreiber, his young associate, was given the responsibility of administering the affairs of the Fellowship. At the time of his death Cummings had six missionaries working under him.

Under Schreiber and his able wife, Jemima, a returned missionary from China, the work has gone forward.

In 1938, Grace DeCamp, now a missionary in Japan, saw the opportunity to launch released time work in the rural and small town schools. At present the missionaries are reaching over



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The KYB classes and vacation Bible schools posed problems in Bible study material which hadn't been anticipated. The lesson material didn't seem as effective as it could be for dealing with rural youngsters. So Miss Theodosia Sweet and Mrs. Schreiber prepared a series of Bible study manuals that are slanted definitely toward the youngsters with whom they deal.

The Bible studies and Sunday schools must be developed slowly and carefully. In order that a chapel might be started, missionaries in one place worked for 24 years before the break came and souls were saved.

From long experience Oak Hills does not attempt to build a chapel without Christian men in the area. "We made that mistake once," Schreiber said, "and the work there is still difficult. We won't make it again."

The success of the Fellowship is due, in large part, to the caliber of the men it attracts as missionaries. One worker, an ex-paratrooper, was given the choice of an established field with $100 a month support or a hard field where he could be promised nothing.

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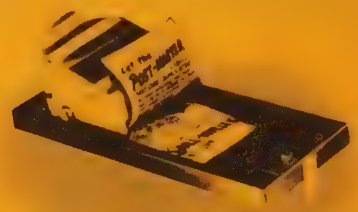

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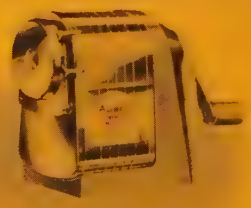

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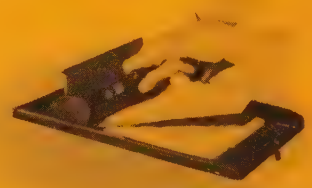

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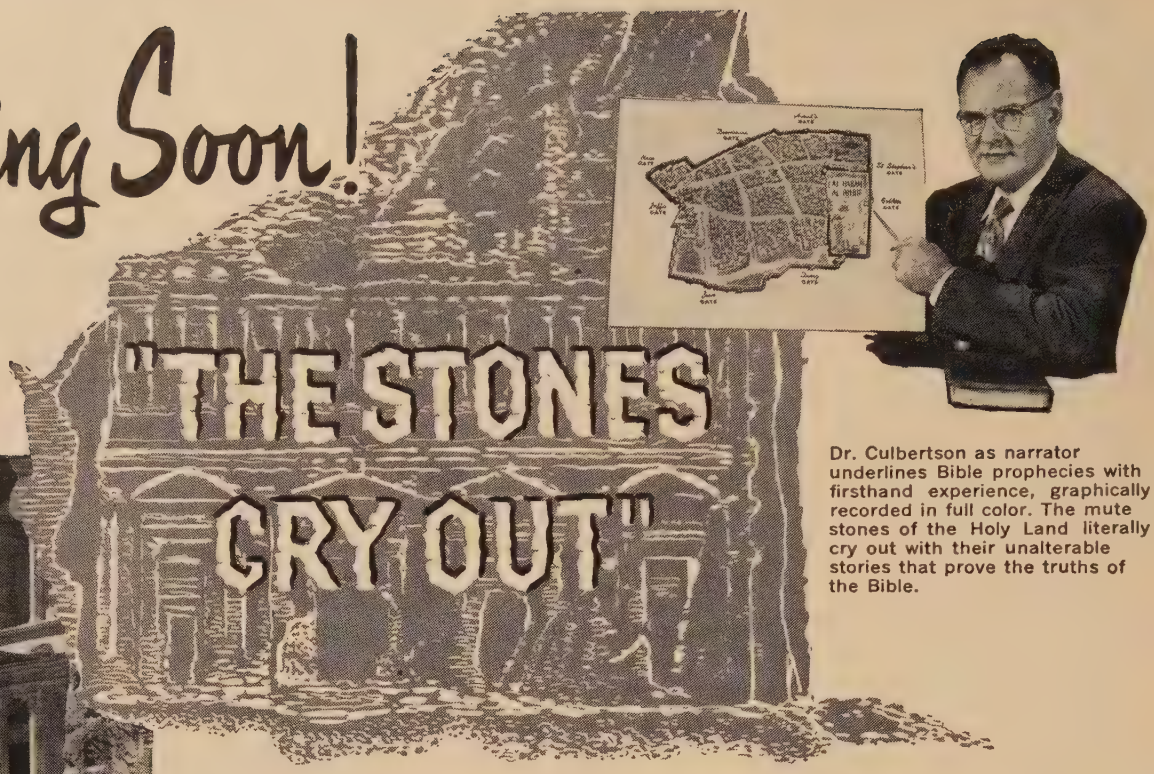

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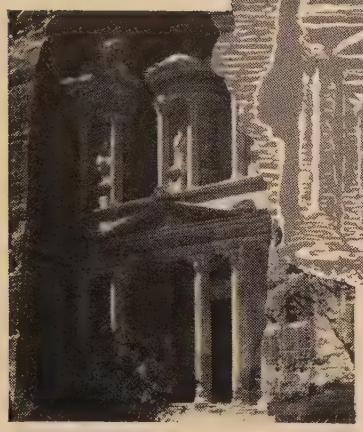

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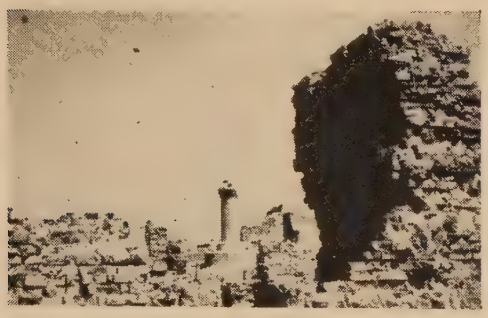

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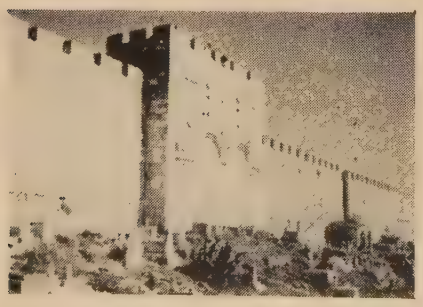

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To contact these speakers you can send out uniform correspondence stating time, place and date of the conference and asking if the missionary is available for that period. When an affirmative reply is received, a questionnaire should be sent to secure details for program and publicity purposes. These details should include name, address until conference time, mission, field, type of work represented and titles of messages. Inquire to find out if the speaker will have pictures and projection equipment, curios, maps, literature, native costumes or other items for the exhibit room. You should also discover whether the speaker has a car, if much travel within the conference circuit is involved.

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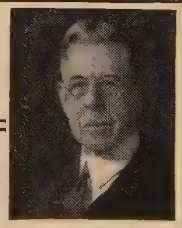

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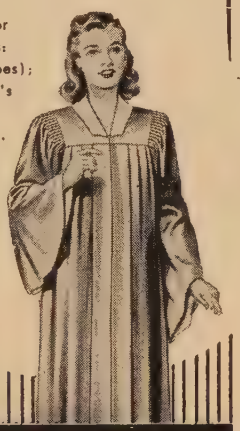

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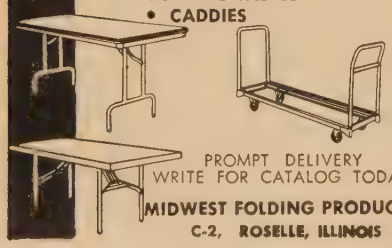

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Throughout the week, use as many missionaries as possible to speak in youth fellowship and in Sunday school classes, departments and assemblies. Even the formal worship services can be set aside as much as possible to afford extra time for the missionary speakers. Song services, special music or other items may be abbreviated.

Since a missionary conference is different, the manner of conducting the program can and must be different to be effective.

Sunday afternoon may be a good time for a special opening service when all the participating missionaries are seated on the platform, dressed in native costumes. Each one may speak for two or three minutes, giving a personal testimony of their call to Christian service or some thrilling experience from the field. Close this service with a solid, ringing missionary address to keynote the conference. The evening conference sessions should use missionary pictures, slides, movies, both silent and sound, to open the sessions and draw the people in early and promptly.

Hold a rigid time schedule that will not wear the people out in one night. Two or three messages in an evening of fifteen minutes or so in length, will be of more value than long dissertations. Listeners are impressed by the over-all message not by the individual only.

Program variety can be introduced in the form of panel presentations, discussions, a symposium and even audience participation in the form of questions. To draw in the ladies from community churches and organized missionary societies, have a missionary tea on an afternoon. Such informal discussions will afford the missionaries many opportunities to do a good work with women who may not hear much about missions in their own churches. Bring the children of the community in after school for missionary pictures and brief stories with an evangelistic outreach geared for children. For the young people, have a missionary banquet one night. And to reach the church members who won't come on week nights, have a church family supper with your missionaries.

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The financing of such a conference need not be a hardship. Receive offerings into the conference treasury and after publicity and speaker expenses have been paid, the balance should be divided among the participating missionaries on a pro-rata basis according to the number of days each participated in the conference program.

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by Thomas McKinney

NOW IS the time to buy Christmas gifts for missionaries. Your Christmas gifts can take on a new significant value this year if you dedicate a portion of them to the Lord. One of the most useful and enjoyable ways in which you can do this is to include missionaries on your gift list.

Personal gifts for a missionary are admittedly more of a problem than sending the customary tithe through the mission board, but they are often appreciated more, too. Here are some suggestions to simplify your gift-buying and help you to make wise and practical selections.

Unless the gift is more or less trivial and of no value, the element of surprise should be eliminated. The duty that missionaries have to pay out of their meagre salaries for useless gifts is a shame. Discuss with the missionary the choice, the source and method of transmission. There are always definite needs, and few missionaries would be hesitant about discussing them.

Several factors concerning the suitability of a gift should be considered before a purchase is made.

Naturally, clothing and other items must be selected with regard for weather and terrain. Let's have no red flannels in the tropics! Don't forget, either, the personal taste of the missionary. Just because a person has left the glitter and glamor of the U. S. does not indicate loss of interest in clothing and other attractive and useful things.

The type of work in which he is engaged is another consideration. Many items that would be highly desirable to a missionary in a settled work in town or city would be worse than useless to a pioneer in the jungle, and vice versa. The availability of electricity, gasoline and kerosene governs the use of so many gadgets. Caution should be taken to find out the type of electric current at the place where any appliance is to be used. Many foreign countries use 220 volts AC, but there are variations of this. Special orders for many appliances can be made to have them adjusted. In all cases transformers can be obtained.

Equally as important as the suitability of a gift is its durability. Repair shops and parts houses are few and far between, and freight is a large item in the ultimate cost.

Missionaries do not want elaborate

or complicated things that are hard to maintain, but simple ones that are easy to operate and will last. Name brands are better than unknown brands because of better warranties and service, and plastic ware is much better than fancy imported china.

For most missionary needs there are specialized missionary buying agencies, which will enable you to obtain more quantity and better quality for the amount you wish to spend. Consult the list at the end of this article for the names of some of these supply houses.

Transmission is a very important phase of your giving. Many gifts are carried promptly to the field by outgoing missionaries. An inquiry at the headquarters of the mission will produce the name of the next one going to the specific field. The donor should correspond with the outgoing missionary, and make arrangements to reimburse him for freight and duty involved.

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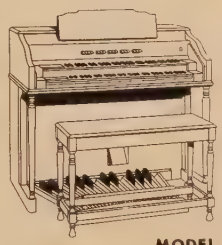

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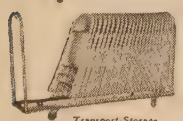

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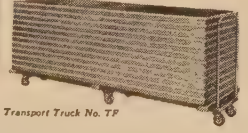

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Chimbu shook his kinky black head. "The Lord Jesus will protect you." He watched the child remove the fetish and toss it away.

"Now," Soxi said stoutly, "I will trust the Lord Jesus like you."

That week Chimbu heard people whisper that he was a wise man, and most of them seemed satisfied with his decisions in court. Only Mvunji the basket weaver scowled in contempt and Jako the witch doctor openly opposed his decisions.

Then one day Hebu, one of the subchiefs, came to the palace. Sure the man was on important business, Chimbu made him comfortable on a stool then brought a baked fish for him to eat.

"The news in my heart is bad," Hebu said, smoking his pipe, which was as long as his arm from his elbow to his wrist. He shook his head sadly. A wart on the end of his nose wiggled when he spoke.

"Maybe I can help," Chimbu offered hopefully.

But Hebu continued to shake his head and smoke his pipe. Finally he took the pipe out of his mouth. "You are a wise man," he said with esteem. "The people are beginning to respect you, but you are not a Mbaxi." Hebu put his pipe on the floor and folded his arms. "The people would welcome Ndingu back because he is their flesh and blood, but he is not in favor of progress. He wants to keep our tribe on the same paths our fathers walked. He is against any new paths."

Chimbu leaned toward him eagerly. "And you?"

"I favor progress," Hebu admitted. "You also favor progress, but in ways you show no wisdom. A man should build a hut for his wife, and he should never eat with her." He lowered his voice and narrowed his eyes. "Is it true your woman eats chicken and sits on a stool?"

Chimbu nodded. "All this is true. Even if I were a Mbaxi, it would be true, for Christians treat their wives with respect." He reached for his Bible and opened it. He could feel the man's eyes burning with contempt as he thumbed through the Book. He read, " 'Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.' "

"Foolishness," Hebu snorted, the wart on his nose quivering. "It is true a woman should reverence her husband, but if a man loved his wife that much she wouldn't work or obey."

"These are the words of the Great God. We seek to obey Him."

"They are the babbling of foolish white men."

Chimbu closed the Book and put it to one side. "Our fathers and their fathers before them tried to find the Great God who created heaven and earth. Some have said that He lives in the sky and have followed paths up mountains, hoping to reach his palace. Others have said that He lives where earth and sky touch, and have tried to find a path long enough to reach that place, but none found him."

Hebu nodded. "He is hidden."

"He can be found," Chimbu insisted. "The path to Him is Jesus Christ." He reached over and patted the Bible. "But no man can follow the Jesus path unless he hates all evil and turns away from the superstitions of his fathers."

"You have learned the white man's lesson well," Hebu told him in icy tones. "But you are a black man. Don't be a feeble woman in your thinking. The evil spirits will come in through your windows and walk in through your door and do you harm."

The next morning Chimbu sent a runner to the mission for the white doctor, then sat beside Lubeme, holding her hands, praying in his heart to the Great God. Lubeme kept smiling a twisted, miserable little smile, and didn't make a sound, but her finger nails bit half moons into the palms of his hands and he became surprised at the strength in her fingers as she clung to him.

Soon after the white man came, Chimbu held a tiny bit of humanity in trembling arms and looked into the face of his first-born — a son.

Suddenly the stillness of the morning was broken by screams and loud weeping. Chimbu placed the child beside his mother and raced outside just as a crowd came from the river path to the street. They carried the crumpled and bleeding form of Soxi. The boy had been wading in the river when a crocodile grabbed him. His screams brought some hunters who clubbed the monster until the boy was freed.

Luiz's black eyes burned into Chimbu's. The muscles around his mouth worked. "Soxi had strong medicine to protect him from the crocodiles," he snapped. "But he hasn't been wearing

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Chimbu's stomach muscles tightened. His eyes flashed around the group gathering close and he saw hate in their faces. Luiz lifted the boy in his arms and carried him to his own hut. Later, the wild chanting of the witch doctor filled the capital.

In the days that followed the child lay on a filthy mat raving with a high fever. Chimbu spent long hours in prayer. But the wounds on Soxi's leg had been filled with a smelly concoction of the witch doctor's own making, and the flesh around them became open sores. One day Chimbu found him back of the hut where he had been put to die. That day he finally persuaded Luiz to take Soxi to the mission where, through prayer and medicine he began a slow recovery.

Months later Chimbu found his wife in tears.

"Paul's eyes," she choked, holding the infant out to him.

The baby's eyes were red and puffy.

Chimbu patted Lubeme's shoulder. "You need not cry," he assured her. "We will take him to the mission. God will not fail us. The white doctor will know what to do." His words were brave but his voice shook.

Lubeme's bottom lip trembled until she could hardly control it. She swallowed, then in a hysterical voice said, "An old woman squeezed lime juice in his eyes before I could stop her."

Chimbu slipped an arm around her trembling body. "The lime juice won't injure his eyes," he said hopefully.

Lubeme swallowed with difficulty. "The woman's hands were filthy, and two of her fingers are eaten away with leprosy."

Chimbu couldn't say a word. His stomach crawled with the horror of what had happened. He gave his shorts a nervous hitch as Lubeme loosened her cover-cloth and tied the baby to her back. Then they started to the mission. For a while neither said a word.

Lubeme was the first to break the silence. "I want to go back to the city," she declared hotly.

Chimbu looked over a shoulder and frowned at her. She was having trouble with her bottom lip again and her eyes were shiny.

"Do you think God wants us to go back to the city?"

She looked at the path and said nothing. They waded across the river and took the trail to the mission. Every Sunday they took this path through the matted forest and sang God's praises in the little thatched church in the clearing. Then they returned to the capital to pray that soon the Mbaxi

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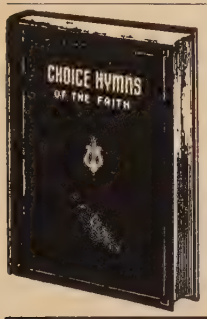

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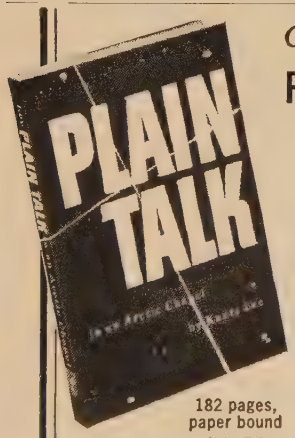

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tribe would start crossing the river to worship in God's house.

This day they did not go to the church, but to the white man's clinic, and stood close together watching him examine the baby's eyes, then drop medicine in them.

The child beat the air with tiny fists and screamed until Lubeme grabbed him off the table and cuddled him close. After a while his sobbing quieted.

"You brought him in time," the white man assured them, handing Chimbu a bottle of the medicine.

A couple of days later Hebu, the sub-chief, came to the palace. He fingered his pipe nervously and kept shifting his weight from side to side until the stool he was sitting on groaned. Finally he put his pipe on the floor, folded his arms and said, "Tears came to my heart when I heard of your bad luck." He shook his head sadly and the wart on his nose shook. "I knew this would happen. It is the evil work of Mvunji."

The man hitched his stool closer to Chimbu. "It was after you sent the young men to help build the new road. I am in favor of the road, but most of the Mbaxi tribe aren't. Mvunji insists roads will bring more white people into the forest to steal our manioc flour and corn, so he paid Jako two fat goats to make an image of your child and stick thorns in it. That is why your son is blind."

Chimbu drew his breath in a surprised gulp. "But my son is not blind," he exclaimed. "True, his eyes were sore, but the white doctor put medicine in them. They are well now."

Hebu frowned thoughtfully. He picked up his pipe and lit it with a hot coal from the fire and smoked in silence.

Hebu remained on the stool until Lubeme came home from her garden. Then he saw the baby's eyes. The wart on his nose quivered with amazement when the child returned his stare and then smiled.

When the government man came, Chimbu had the call drum beat to announce him. But the people did not obey and the tax collector found few home.

Chimbu asked Hebu, who replied indirectly, "I paid my tax."

"But why did so many people hide when the government man came?"

For several breaths the sub-chief said nothing. His mouth was a tight line and the wart on his nose was stiff. Finally he said, "Mvunji says you are the son of a slave, and the people will not listen to the words of a slave."

Chimbu fought down the panic that swept through him. "I am the son of a slave," he admitted. Chimbu felt the sub-chief's shocked eyes on him.

(*To be concluded*)

OPEN DOOR

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it for granted and whatever we take for granted we don't take seriously.

We live at compromise with the powers of darkness and sit at truce tables with evil. We have too many Panmunjoms and 38th Parallels and we have forgotten that, to use MacArthur's immortal phrase, "There is no substitute for victory." We are weak against Communism because we are weak against everything else that is of the world, the flesh and the Devil.

The faith we live by is static and passive, a taciturn acceptance of the status quo. J. B. Phillips points out that many Christians today talk about the difficulties of our times as though we should wait for better ones before Christianity can take root. He says the early faith flourished in conditions that would have killed anything less vital in a few weeks. Then he adds, "Perhaps if we believed what they believed, we might achieve what they achieved."

It takes no faith to believe what will probably happen anyway, but it does take faith to believe something that's never happened before. And that's the faith God is looking for.

But now the big bad wolf of Communism has us quaking in our boots. Today's real problem is not the wolfishness of the Devil's wolves so much as the sheepishness of the Lord's sheep!

Finally, we are behind closed doors for fear of catastrophe. The hydrogen bomb looms so big in the thinking of many Christians that it seems they have never read Matt. 10:28, "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

Little of the Word with little prayer is death to the spiritual life. Much of the Word with little prayer gives a sickly life. Much prayer with little of the Word give more life, but with no steadfastness. A full measure of the Word and prayer each day gives a healthy and powerful life. —*Andrew Murray*

It is possible to get so excited over what the world is coming to that we forget Him Who has come to the world. The mystery of lawlessness is a fearful thing but still greater is the mystery of godliness. Some of us are indoors pondering the one when we ought to be outdoors proclaiming the other.

It's a far cry from what John wrote, "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth Jesus is the Son of God?" (I John 5: 4,5).

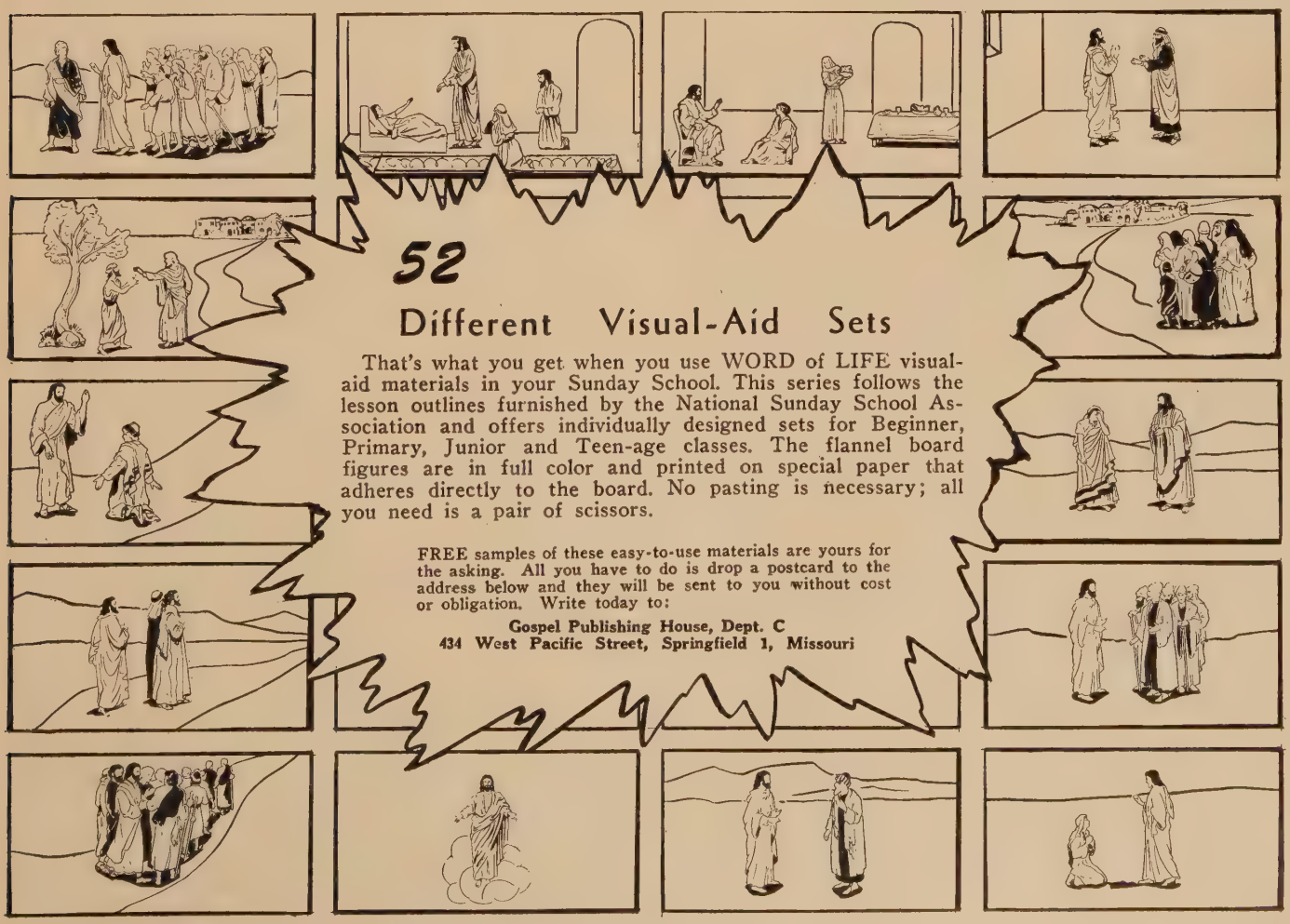
But this overcoming faith is rarely evidenced in the Christian world today. Paul wrote, "The just shall live by faith." But today, although the just are being born again by faith, few of them are living by faith. Instead they are living behind closed doors for fear. This is no place for a Christian empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Our Lord said to John on Patmos, "Fear not; I am the first and the last" (Rev. 1:17). He was here before there was anything to fear; He will be here after all the things we fear have gone.

We have been promised victory; we have been provided with the power of the Holy Spirit. Within each of us is potential that can shake all the competition, Communism and catastrophe in the world. All this is ours.

To appropriate these possessions, we must step out on faith, shake off the fears of being different and accept power and victory by exercising an active, vital belief in the promises of the Lord.

We've been playing church for too long; it's time we get not only on the right side of pardon, but also on the right side of power. END



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SUNDAY SCHOOL METHODS & MATERIALS

Booster to Sunday Schools

National Sunday School Association sparks current revival.

by William Petersen

SIX zealous Sunday school workers from New York jammed into a car and bumped across country to the National Sunday School Association Convention a few years ago.

Their anemic Sunday school was struggling to maintain an attendance of 100; their pastor, desperately seeking help, advised that these workers, the nucleus of the Sunday school, make the long cross-country trek to a Sunday school convention.

When they returned from the convention, they systematically relayed the help which they had received to others.

Last June, the Sunday school was averaging 500 and this fall aims to go higher. Said the pastor, "I owe our increased attendance to the inspiration and vision plus the know-how gained at that National Sunday School Association Convention a few years back."

In their brief decade of existence, the National Sunday School Association has repeated that incident in church after church. Evangelical churches of all denominations have benefited not only through the NSSA convention program, but through the Sunday school lesson outlines, summer conferences and speakers which NSSA provides.

The convention idea has spread across the country; many states and large metropolitan areas have recently organized their own Sunday school associations. Today there are 36 states and areas affiliated and cooperating with the National Sunday School Association from the Bay Area (Calif.) Sunday School Association to the Philadelphia Area Sunday School Association.

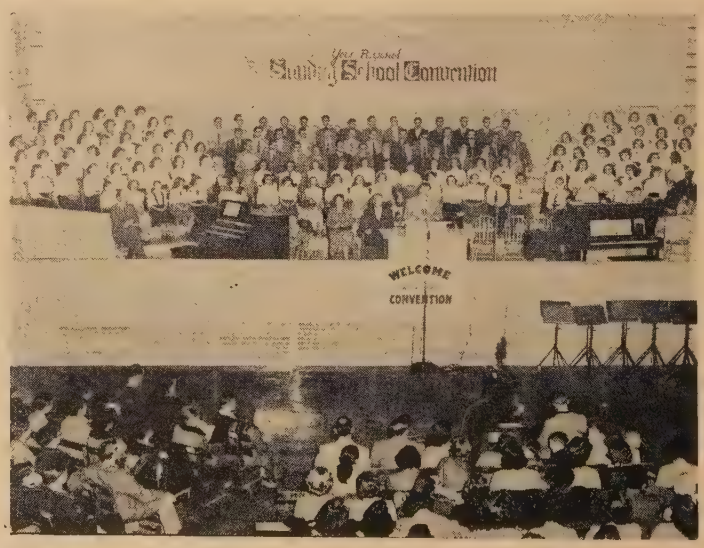
Portland, Ore., is a good example of what an association can do. Sunday school workers there claim that Sunday schools which have consistently cooperated with the Greater Portland Sunday School Association have increased at least 100 per cent in the past five years.

According to Dr. Clarence Benson, dean of Sunday school leaders, the NSSA was one of the greatest single contributing factors in seeing the nation's Sunday school attendance increase two million in 1953.

The rise of the NSSA hasn't been spectacular, but it has been steady. By its inspiration and information, it has given Sunday schools a firm footing from which to climb.

General Secretary of the NSSA is the Rev. Clate Risley, former pastor and youth worker from the West Coast. An enthusiastic Sunday school man,

Floats and parades are excellent promotional activities to help local churches increase attendance, says NSSA.



Many pastors and church workers welcome Sunday school conventions as opportunities to gain helpful knowledge.

Risley and Spokane's Hillyard Baptist Church copped second prize in the "A" division of CHRISTIAN LIFE's 1949 Sunday School Contest. Risley is assisted by Winona Walworth, another experienced Sunday school worker.

Present officers of the NSSA are Dr. Harold Erickson, president; Dr. Warren Filkin, vice president; Victor Cory, secretary and J. Clair Peters, treasurer.

Risley points toward the 1954 National Sunday School Convention in Indianapolis as the biggest event in NSSA history. Slated for Oct. 13-15, the convention is expected to greet more than 10,000 Sunday school enthusiasts. During the three day span, eight major sessions and 60 workshops will be held. The Indianapolis committee of 125 workers, representing all denominations, is busy with last minute preparations.

Among the speakers scheduled for this year's convention are Evangelist Howard Butt of Texas and the Rev. James Hamill of Tennessee. Well-known Sunday school leaders who will preside at various sessions include Warren Filkin, Dr. Henrietta Mears, Rev. Harold Garner, Mrs. Bernice Cory, Rev. Charles Conn and Rev. Paul Copeland.

Early reports reaching NSSA headquarters reveal that a church in the state of Washington is planning to send at least ten delegates and a church in Michigan is hoping to have a busload of 40.

One of the most valuable Sunday school aids which NSSA offers is a book published in connection with the annual conventions. The book contains convention workshop outlines from the 60 sessions. Last year's book of 125 pages covered practically every phase of Christian education in capsule form.

Akin to the National Convention is the NSSA Summer Camp held during the Labor Day week end at Cedar Lake Conference Grounds in Indiana for the past two years.

"We expect this conference to grow to national proportions in years to come," says Clate Risley.

On the local side, NSSA convention work is constantly growing. Their aim is for a convention and Sunday school association in every city of more than 100,000 population before 1960. Already such areas as Seattle, Detroit, Cincinnati, Buffalo, Minneapolis, Philadelphia and many others have set up evangelical Sunday school organizations. Recently, both Oklahoma and Minnesota have set up state Sunday school associations.

At a denominational Sunday school convention last spring, a downcast Sunday school worker voiced his problem to another convention guest. "I'd like to get together with other evangelicals in my home state and do something big for our Sunday schools. I think some united effort by evangelicals would help, but I don't know how to get started."

The man addressed replied, "Ever heard of the National Sunday School Association? Let me introduce you to Clate Risley."

In five minutes, the Sunday school worker was unloading his problems to Risley. When their lengthy conversation was ended, the Sunday school worker strode away with confidence that something was going to be done to help him.

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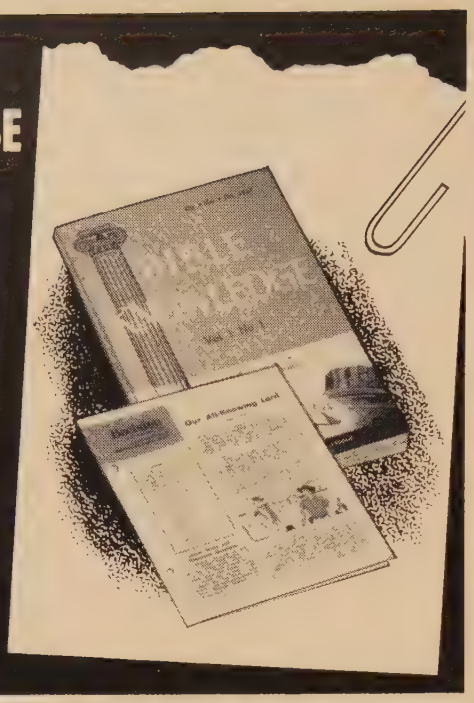

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Beyond their convention program, NSSA is boasting a National Sunday School Week between the last Sunday of September and the first Sunday of October. They also sponsor a National Family Week early in May.

The roots of NSSA are back in 1939, when a few independent publishers met together, seeking a national Sunday school effort for evangelicals. But not until 1944, when the Church School Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals met, did much happen. Then, as publishers, editors and religious leaders of both denominational and interdenominational organizations discussed the problem, they decided that a national Sunday school association should be organized along strictly evangelical lines. A year later, NSSA was born.

The first national convention was held in Chicago in 1946. Although the attendance was small compared to current convention enrollments, yet it augured well for the NSSA future.

Today, led by a General Council of 15 evangelical leaders, the NSSA is gaining acclaim on every hand.

H. H. Savage of Pontiac, Mich., president of the National Association of Evangelicals, says, "NSSA has begun to make us Sunday school conscious and has given to the laity a realization of the fact that they do not need to go out of the local church to find opportunity for service."

Before making predictions for the future, the NSSA staff is looking to the Indianapolis national convention.

Accomplishments of the national organization have been somewhat hampered in the past by lack of finances. "I wish more people would consider NSSA a home missionary effort," comments General Secretary Risley.

Although financial receipts have doubled, they can't quite keep pace with the advances of the NSSA staff. "And there's a lot of work to be done yet," says Risley. END

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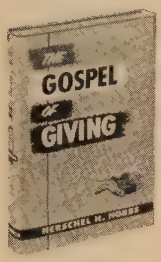

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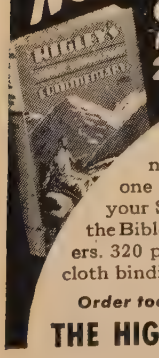

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by Arnold B. Cheney

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Almost every boy at some time reaches the stage where he desires to become a "cowboy." But why don't children develop even a fractional part of the interest they have in cowboys, Indians, airplanes and animals in their Sunday school lessons?

We are all born with certain native interest in food, comfort, livelihood and belonging. Other interests are acquired. The boy who wants to be a cowboy has an acquired interest based upon the basic need of security or belonging. What you as a Sunday school teacher must do is to utilize and extend acquired interests.

The Lord was a master at it. He knew that man has a native interest in himself. He had such an interest and compassion on the 5,000 who followed Him that He fed them (Matt. 14:15-21). Multitudes continued to follow Him and again they were filled (Matt. 15:32-38). Of course, people were interested. He could bring food to their bodies, comfort to their infirmities, a purpose for living and a new sense of belonging.

Imagine Simon Peter's amazement when the Lord told him to cast his net into the water. Here Christ told Peter the fisherman to launch out into the deep, implying that fish would be caught. When the net broke with the overflowing, Peter instantly acquired an interest that could not be quenched.

In both the examples the Teacher first had an interest in the followers. As a teacher, you, also, must first be interested in your flock. Then begin, as the Lord did, with the interests of the people and lead them into a desire of the deeper spiritual concerns of life.

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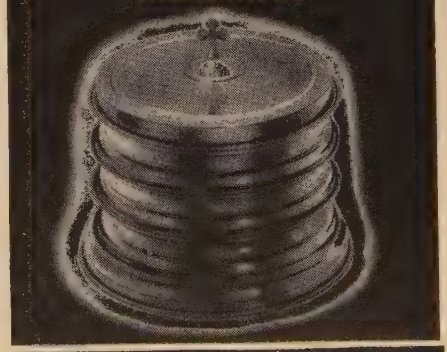

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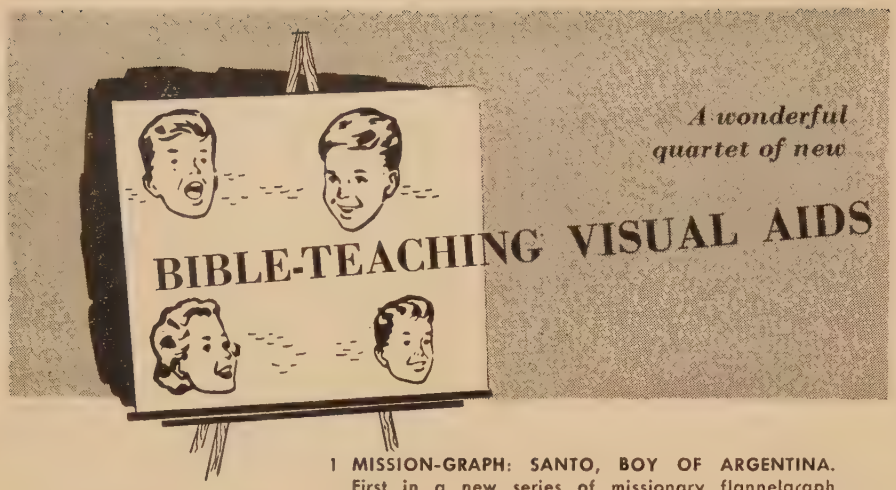

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Shortly after his conversion, Dwight L. Moody wanted to lead young lives to Christ. But he had no Sunday school class. On a bright Sunday morning, after praying for an answer, he saw a group of boys playing. One little fellow watched him shuffling his feet and saying something to himself.

"What are ya' doin', mister?" the boy asked.

"I'm a train."

Cocking his head to the side and squinting into the morning sunlight, the lad asked quizzically, "A train?" Then eagerly, "Can I play, too?"

"Sure, get on."

So grabbing hold of his coat tail another car was added to the dynamic engine of Dwight L. Moody. In a matter of minutes many boys were playing and they ended up chug-chug-chugging into church. Soon thousands were influenced by the interest generated by D. L. Moody.

A newly converted teen-ager went to his pastor and asked to teach a Sunday school class. The preacher explained that he had no room nor need for another class. Then, thinking a little, he remembered the coal bin.

So the young man threw back the coal, erected a partition, and scrubbed. The next day he found some boys playing ball with only a stick for a bat.

"Tell you what I'll do, boys," he told them. "I'll bring a bat and ball and play with you every Saturday morning for an hour, if you will come to my Sunday school class."

Soon the class was so large it moved into the kitchen and then into larger quarters. Three of the first group became ministers.

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Test Yourself As a Teacher

by Eunice Fischer

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I am present at Sunday school at least 48 Sundays out of 52 each year.

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I keep accurate attendance records and regularly call on absentees.

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I can put in a brief sentence my teaching aim for each Sunday's lesson.

I begin preparing my lesson for the next Sunday by Tuesday of each week.

I pray daily for my co-workers and pupils as well as for myself as teacher.

I attend all workers' conferences with interest and ideas.

I provide some social activities for my class or participate in departmental parties.

I foster missionary interest by writing to our Sunday school missionary and encouraging my pupils to pray for and write to missionaries.

I vary my teaching techniques so my pupils cannot anticipate my every word.

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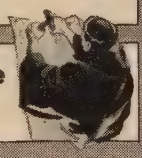

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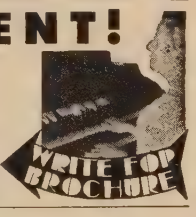

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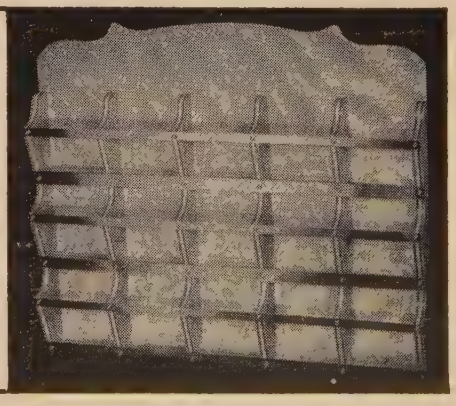

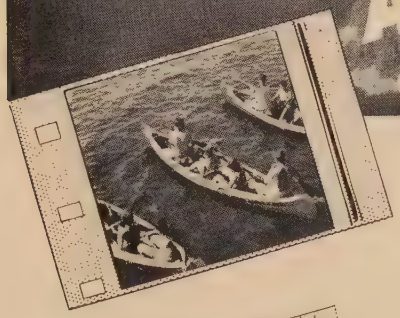

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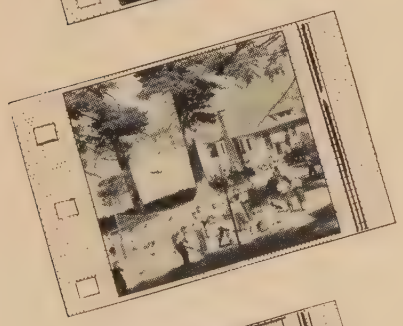

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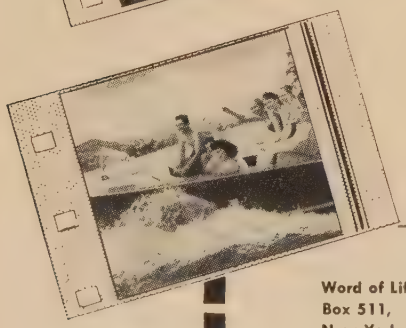

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1. Keep up steady visitation activity, making new contacts, following up absentees, and visiting shut-ins. Don't forget those out-of-the-way districts, and work with the transportation committee to see that no one is omitted.

2. Send postcards to encourage regular attendance to all whose names are on the mailing list. And continue to add names of all newcomers.

3. Keep the contest continually before the public, by means of news items to daily papers, posters showing weekly attendance increase and announcements in the church bulletin.

4. Your photographer should take as many photos of Contest activities as possible for use in publicity, for the scrapbook and to promote next year's contest.

5. Set aside one night a week in which to bring records up to date and figure percentages of increase. Be prepared to report to the congregation.

6. Make arrangements to accommodate overflow crowds in tents, vacant buildings which can be rented, or nearby homes.

7. Check the budget, making sure that supplies are adequate, but that all unnecessary expense is cut out.

8. Plan one day for special salvation appeal, then follow up decisions with instruction classes and plenty of opportunities for personal counsel from qualified individuals.

9. Work with the teachers, making sure that they understand and are capable of what is required of them in program, lesson planning, as well as in winning and following up new converts. END

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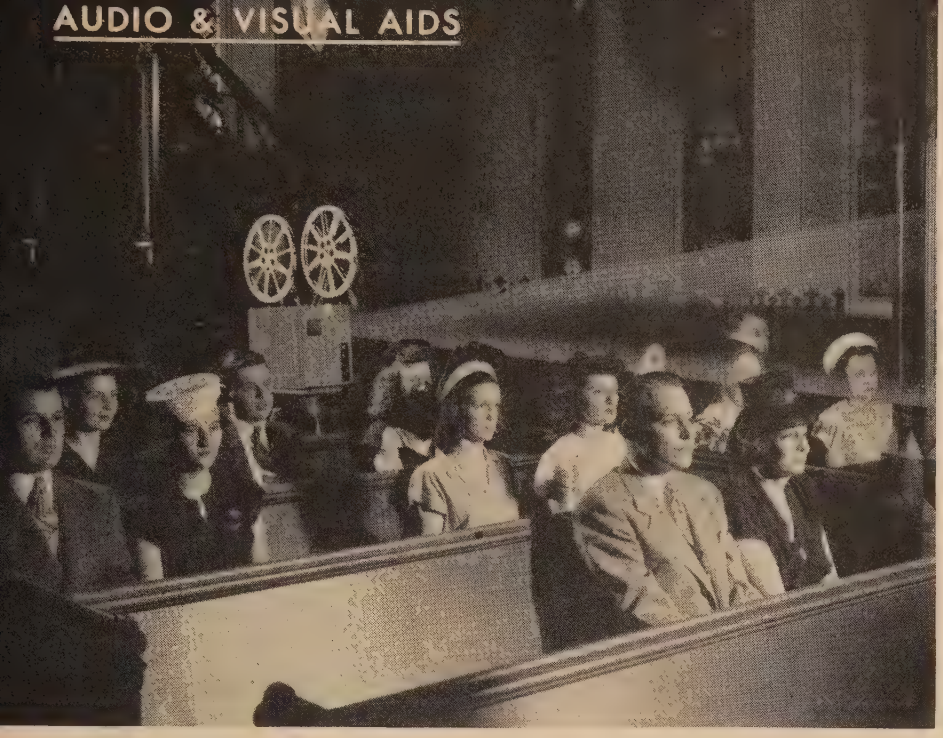

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Conservative Churches Swing to Use of Films

NAVA - CHRISTIAN LIFE Magazine Survey Shows Amazing Trend to Use of Visuals.

CONSERVATIVE churches are swinging to the use of films and filmstrips at an amazing rate. This fact was clearly revealed last month in a survey made by CHRISTIAN LIFE Magazine for the National Audio Visual Association.

Actual use of films and filmstrips has increased more than 600 per cent in the past five years, the survey indicated. More than half of the churches now own both sound and slide projectors, and more than half of those who do not indicated they expect to buy projection equipment in the near future.

So marked was this rise in use of audio visuals in conservative churches that film industry officials were astonished. To conservative Christian leaders, however, the reason was obvious: the growing need to use the best methods of communication in presenting the greatest message the world has ever heard.

What the survey clearly indicated was that conservative churches, once far behind liberal churches in the use of films, have gone all-out in their employment of audio visuals. Virtually no criticism of the technique was noted—a sharp departure from the position held by such churches in the past. By contrast, typical comments were, "We consider audio visuals very important and expect to expand the use of filmstrips in particular." . . . "Amen to more and greater pictures to be used in churches. We need them." . . ."Films and filmstrips are wonderul for teaching and instruction."

Especially significant was the fact that conservative churches are setting up libraries and appropriations for the rental and purchase of films and filmstrips.

At present, 33 per cent of the churches have their own film libraries. Amazingly enough, 62 per cent of these have been established in the last four years. Likewise interesting is the fact that 10 per cent of those surveyed have a film budget, 66 per cent of them were established since 1950.

There was no guessing what conservative church leaders wanted in the way of films. The type of film could vary, they agreed, but the message must be based squarely on the evangelical or conservative interpretation of the Scriptures. Some suggestions were, "More 15-minute strips on sci-

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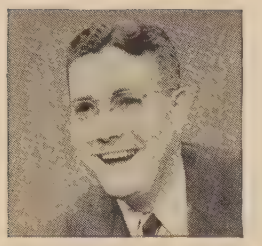

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ence similar to those used in schools, but including God." . . . "More Bible films . . . and dramatic films of Christian living." . . . "More filmstrips for Sunday school use."

Users of films and filmstrips noted their appreciation of the treatment of audio visuals by CHRISTIAN LIFE Magazine. "I always read accounts in CHRISTIAN LIFE regarding films, and they have been very helpful," was the typical statement.

In the field of film equipment, the survey plainly revealed that conservative churches were making up for lost time in their plans for installing modern projection equipment.

Today more than half of them already own their own sound projectors —61 per cent to be exact. Meanwhile, another 66 per cent at present possess their own slide projectors. In addition, 29 per cent own the simple motion projector without sound. The significant factor in their figures, however, is that five years ago 75 per cent of these churches owned no projection equipment whatsoever.

The marked swing to audio visuals by conservative churches is widely hailed by conservative leaders. Our churches have held back in the use of films for two reasons, said one authority: first, because we saw no real results coming from the use of films in liberal churches; second, because there were so few films available with the true Bible message. But now that sound Bible-based films are being produced we are seeing real spiritual results. Now we are ready to move ahead in employing this effective means of communication in presenting the great truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thus it appeared clear that a new day was dawning. With their zeal for evangelism and with the Bible message films as a new and effective media, conservative churches look ahead to great results through the ministry of films. END

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editor

HARRY BRISTOW

Film Adapted From Short Story

THE story "Deadline" written by Mrs. Gayl Irwin Edwards and featured in CHRISTIAN LIFE (Dec. 1952) has been translated into film terms carrying the title *A Boy and His Bible.* It delivers to the church film market a story written by a Christian with the pulsebeat of an understanding heart.

I have long been a staunch advocate of this type of adaptation. The producer, Family Films, has handled the script in such a way that the film retains the full flavor of the basic story.

The editor of the city newspaper, well known for his crusades against crime and injustice, yet a man with no time for Christ or the church, finds himself faced with a deadline for a Christmas editorial. Christmas music being played on the church chimes outside his office stirs him to call the copy boy to secure the words of the music. To his astonishment, the boy quotes the words of "Joy to the World." He then instructs the boy to purchase a Bible for additional help on his article. The boy, a Christian, draws from his pocket his Bible and offers it to the editor. The terrific editorial stirs up a great mail response, among them a letter from a child, thanking him for the article which was the means of turning her father to the Lord Jesus Christ.

After a talk with the pastor, who commends him for the article, the editor thinks things over and attends church. The next day finds him presenting the office force with belated Christmas gifts, Bibles. They are amazed at the changed attitude to which he confesses, "If you wonder what happened to a stubborn old cynic like Mr. Connor, it all started with a boy and his Bible and a little girl's letter." In replying to the little girl, he dictates, "We all need Jesus and our hearts must be changed and only Jesus can do that. Tell your mother I, too, am glad that from now on the *Clarion* will have a Christian editor."

A Bible met the editorial deadline.

Emphasizing the real meaning of Christmas, this film will be an excellent addition to the Christmas program. However, I can definitely recommend its use the year round. It is easy to predict that the churches will be delighted with this production. Running time, 30 minutes in black and white.

■ A new format in filming Bible stories for children comes to us in the release *Queen of Sheba,* a Delta Production.

A small boy and girl visit Georgia Lee, who sings them a song called "Praise Him Too" and tells them a story about the Queen of Sheba. With camera flashback, Miss Lee is shown dressed as the Queen and Robert Clarkes as her cousin Terel. A very short story from both characters tells of the rise and fall of King Solomon. From the story comes the lesson of obedience to God. The film closes with Miss Lee applying the lesson, emphasizing that when we take the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, we want to keep His commandments because we love Him.

The personality of Miss Lee should hold the children's attention. However, unless they are prepared for the story, they are apt to be lost in the long dialogue between the Queen and her cousin. Scriptural basis is found in II Chronicles 9 and I Kings 10. Filmed in technicolor, running time 15 minutes.

■ All over America, churches are facing the problem of changing communities. The BFC, National Council of Churches production, *City Story,* reveals a church caught in a typical situation. The story centers around the new pastor who, through experience, discerns the needs of both community and church. Opposition develops from some of the official board when he presents a plan to meet the needs. His patience and work are rewarded when his program is adopted and the church is revitalized.

Churches facing similar problems should find the film helpful in organizational ideas. However, the production is unbalanced in that it fails to emphasize the transforming power of the Lord Jesus Christ. Running time, 44 minutes, black and white.

■ A Japanese Christian film organization, Team Aved, has released its first production *For My People.* The story concerns the conversion of Aiji Ezoe and his call to Christian service. The film is narrated by Don Hoke, CHRISTIAN LIFE foreign correspondent, and enacted by Aiji Ezoe himself.

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■ Many people are plagued with the question, "Why are my prayers not answered?" In an illustrated film sermon *When God is Deaf,* Dr. John R. Rice very clearly and scripturally answers the question. The pivotal scripture used is Isa. 59: 1 and 2. The film would make a splendid pulpit supply for a mid-week or Sunday evening service. This is a C. O. Baptista production in black and white, running 30 minutes.

■ Our readers will be interested to know that there are now available 16mm reels large enough to contain more than a two hour program, eliminating the changing of reels when a program exceeds the former limit of 55 minutes. To accommodate the new reels, the arms and belts of conventional projectors will need lengthening, but this can be done locally.

Films in Brief

Blind Beggar of Jerusalem — Biblical drama of the healing of a man born blind as recorded in John 9 and 10. Cathedral Production, 37 minutes in black and white. Highly recommended.

Wheaton Gospel Heralds — Musical film featuring Gospel team from Wheaton College. C. O. Baptista Production, 30 minutes black and white. Recommended.

At Work with the Word — Shows work of American Bible Society, 23 minutes in black and white. Recommended.

Daniel in the Lions Den — Biblical drama interpretation of Daniel 6. A Church Craft Production running 17 minutes in black and white. Highly recommended.

Johnny Appleseed — Story based on tradition of a man whose love for God and nature make him beloved throughout the land. This is not a religious film. Produced by Coronet Films, running time 15 minutes in black and white. Recommended. END

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South Dakota State S.S. Conv.: Nov. 29-Dec. 1. Write: Rev. S. H. Petersen, Mitchell, S. Dak.

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Scripture Press Conventions and Workshops: Oct. 3-7, Lancaster, Pa. Oct. 5-7, Dixon, Ill. Oct. 11, Christmas Workshop in Chicago. Oct. 17-22, Inter-City Bible Church, Lansing, Mich. Oct. 17-24, Cleveland, Ohio. Nov. 6, Sunday School Fair, Chicago. Write: 434 S. Wabash, Chicago.

Glowing Faces

by Thelma Girton

YOU will find this pumpkin illustration to be a clear and effective method of presenting salvation to children of Beginner and Primary ages.

Materials: A pumpkin lantern or a picture of a Jack-o-lantern.

Suggestion: Ask someone in your class to bring a small pumpkin face.

Today we have with us an unusual guest — a pumpkin head! This is the time of the year when we see pumpkin faces everywhere. All of us will see lights in pumpkin faces soon, won't we? You know we should have a light inside too. That light is Jesus and without Him we are not of much use, just as a Jack-o-lantern is not of much use without a light.

Candles brighten pumpkin faces. Only Christ can make a child's face glow.

You see how dark and gloomy one Jack-o-lantern looks when the light inside does not brighten his face. Is your face dark and dreary; or are you bright and happy because the Lord Jesus dwells in you?

Lights do not grow inside of pumpkins, you know. The light must be put there. We are not born with Jesus in our hearts either. We must ask Him to come in.

The light in the pumpkin lantern is made possible by the use of a candle. Jesus' light in our lives is made up of faith, love, hope, prayer, Bible reading, Sunday school and church attendance. His light shines out of our lives through the words we say and the deeds we do.

Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven." Jesus has no way of showing Himself to the world except through us. END

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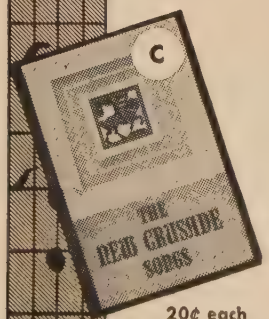

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The action of modern cathedral chimes is almost instantaneous in response and will follow the player's fastest flourishes and embellishments. For an American audience, the prime purpose is to bring to the listener melodies which can be immediately recognized and appreciated. If the performer's technique becomes too brilliant, too replete with runs, frills, tremolandos and arpeggios, the music will become meaningless to the average listener.

Neither should one play on chimes or on bells compositions which are primarily dependent upon harmony rather than melody in their structure. For example, much of Bach's music becomes meaningless, if not cacophonous, on bells or chimes.

In selecting compositions to play over a tower carillon, it is important to consider the policy of your church or denomination. Since chimes are heard by all in the neighborhood, they should identify themselves with your church in the listener's mind. This does not mean that every number played should be a hymn in the exclusive use of your denomination. However, hymns which are characteristic of your church should frequently be played — at least one such hymn at every playing.

No melody of an irreligious or frivolous nature should ever be played over the church tower. The chimes are the voice of your church, and your church will be judged by the impression they leave on the listener. END

RECORD REVIEWS

editor

WENDELL LOVELESS

Rich Melody in *Heart to Heart*

I HAVE just listened to one of the most beautiful melodies I have ever heard in the field of gospel music. It was composed by Harry Dixon Loes of Moody Bible Institute. Harry has written many good songs and choruses, but this strikes me as the finest. Entitled *Heart to Heart,* it is sung for Van Kampen Singtime Recordings by Shirley Curtis Hawkins, soprano, who really does justice to the song. Accompanist is Les Barnett. This number should be in every library of sacred recordings. Van Kampen Press of Wheaton deserves much credit for the top level production of this new series of Singtime Recordings.

On the other side of the disc Shirley Hawkins does *Submission,* accompanied by the Ralph Carmichael Instrumental Ensemble. Mrs. Hawkins has four more songs in this new series, *When I'm with Him, On a Rugged Hill, Jesus is the Sweetest Name I Know* and *Outside the Wall.* My one criticism is that in one or two brief spots, I noted a slight departure from accurate tone. This may have been a production fault rather than the singer's error, but it should be corrected in future issues.

■ The standard recording companies are adding more and more so-called "religious music" to their lines. Although some of this is not very solid from a scriptural theological viewpoint, a few are excellent. A new 45 album in the RCA Victor Extended Play series of four songs has been produced by Eddy Arnold, "The Tennessee Plowboy." Although he uses his guitar for accompaniment, a reverence about his work is clearly evidenced. He sings *Open Thy Merciful Arms, Take My Hand Precious Lord, My Desire* and *I Want to Thank You, Lord.* I am sure that you will find all four of these in good taste.

■ Speaking of 45 recordings, I have just received another from RCA Victor of Paul Mickelson playing eight of the best loved Hymns on the Radio City pipe organ in New York City. This is a "must" for those who love pipe organ music. I have mentioned some of these before when they came out on 78 discs, but this collection is on 45's. Paul plays *Have Thine Own Way Lord, Beneath the Cross of Jesus, Softly and Tenderly, Amazing Grace, In the Garden, The Old Rugged Cross, Sweet By and By* and *The Ninety and Nine.*

■ Don DeVos, who is known and loved throughout the nation as song leader, soloist and director of large rally choruses, takes the role as soloist in a new set of records by Super Recordings. He is backed by the Gil Mead ensemble, and John Peterson, guitarist. The effect is excellent. I hope these recordings have a wide distribution, because they will have a genuinely spiritual effect upon all who hear and who have the open hearts to receive the message. Look at the titles: *The Loveliness of Christ, It's in My Heart, Just a Closer Walk with Thee* and a new number composed by Evangelist Jack Shuler, *The Man with the Nail in His Hand.*

■ Fellowship Music label deserves special commendation, I believe, for producing so many of Les Barnett's organ and piano numbers. I have mentioned many of them, but I want to list some more new ones. They leave nothing to be desired in the matter of record surface and fine production. Here they are: *When the Battle's Over, No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus, Ivory Palaces, The Old Rugged Cross, Follow, I Will Follow Thee, There Is Power in the Blood, Battle Hymn of the Republic,* and *Overshadowed.*

■ There are a great many new label sacred recordings these days. One of the latest is from St. Louis, Mo., and is called Making Melody. I have just received eight sides of these, producing the voices of N. A. Woychuk and Beth Kelso, with organ accompaniments by Virginia Steinmeier. The voices are excellent, the accompaniments are all that one could wish, and the pressings themselves, having been made by RCA Victor, are tops. The selection of songs for this first set has been made in excellent taste, and the singers and organist combine their talents to project a clear, understandable message. These should be greatly used by the Lord as instruments of real blessing. Here is an attractive list of titles if there ever was one: *I Will Pilot Thee, Let Me Dream on, Down from His Glory, The Theme of My Song, I Must Have My Savior with Me, My Heavenly Father Watches over Me* (all solos by N. A. Woychuk), and duets by Woychuk and Beth Kelso, *Jesus, Wonderful Lord* and *Take up Thy Cross and Follow Me.*

■ Evangelist Paul Levin and singer Bob Findley have made some new pressings for Singspiration. These two fellows have a unique ministry as they travel about the country together preaching and singing the Gospel. Since Bob is sightless, Paul devotes his life to being eyes for Bob. They use mandolin and guitar for accompaniment and they really sing a message. Their "fans" will welcome this new list of titles, as do I, for I use them on my radio broadcasts regularly. Here are the songs: *It Took a Miracle, God's Way Is the Best Way, Homesick for Heaven, Among the Lilies, Broken-Hearted Was My Savior, Let Him in, Thirty Pieces of Silver, I Gave My Life for Thee.* END

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nobody to understand

by Sallie Howard

Cathy lived a lifetime in one day — and found God cared.

ON THE morning of the day it happened, Cathy shut off the alarm long before it was set to ring. She'd been awake more than asleep anyhow last night.

"I'll run out and get the prescription filled," Tom had said, his dark face filled with concern. But it was late, and you couldn't go on taking sleeping pills forever. The thought was frightening, though.

"Really need the rest bad," Doctor Burk had said, "but don't get dependent on those pills." She certainly hadn't meant to snap out her weariness at Tom though.

"Look, Cathy," he'd finally said, his brown eyes flashing, "I'm tired of you blowing up every time I open my mouth. When you get worked up like this I'm just not talking." And he'd slammed into the bedroom and gone to bed.

For a moment, before she went to change Baby Larry and get Timmy into his jeans, Cathy stared down at Tom. *I wish I could make him see I really don't blame him,* she thought. His dark hair was tousled over his forehead, and in sleep his slender features looked boyish. It's just — just life. I wish — I wish I could really tell him how I feel but he wouldn't understand. Nobody could possibly understand.

Cathy shuddered. *Nobody.* If only God was what people said He was . . . if only she could believe He was up there somewhere watching . . . watching and understanding and — and loving. Cathy buried her face in her pillow, stifled a long, agonizing sob. *God.* What did God care about her? If He was there at all.

And then once more, sliding slowly into her tortured mind, came a sharp picture of herself at 14 standing on a country road by a wrecked car and two blanketed bodies. Always in the picture she saw herself staring, staring in expressionless despair and horror at the unscratched driver of the other car who was hysterically apologetic — hopelessly drunk. She had decided then that God didn't care. Why would He take her parents from her if He cared?

Cathy bit her lip until the picture slid from focus. What was the use to even try to think about God?

At 20, she thought. *I feel like this at 20.*

She climbed out of bed and slipped on her faded blue maternity housecoat. It was a mess but what could you do, with two babies and a house that would take forever to pay for and always the possibility of more sickness and maybe, maybe accidents.

Cathy pushed her uncurled blond hair from her eyes. Since Larry's birth it was stringy and dull. She felt haggard and bowed with an indescribable desolation as she went to the children's bedroom. Black-haired Timmy was out of bed, had pulled all of his clothes from the drawers and was busily stuffing them into his toy box.

She could only gasp, "Timmy, no!" because the baby was crying so loud. As she changed him, he wailed hungrily. She pushed back her hair again, held the pins tightly in her mouth. Finally, she could stand it no longer. "Stop it! Stop it, I say!"

Baby Larry ceased a moment, stared at her in surprise and then squeezed his eyes shut, clenched his little fists and screamed louder than ever. As she scooped him up, Timmy caught his foot under the toy box and began to shriek. She pulled him out and made for the kitchen. Always a rush. Coffeepot, set eggs to boil. Two plastic placemats. Her eyes kept blinking . . .

"Hi, Honey." Tom stuck his head in the kitchen on his way to shave.

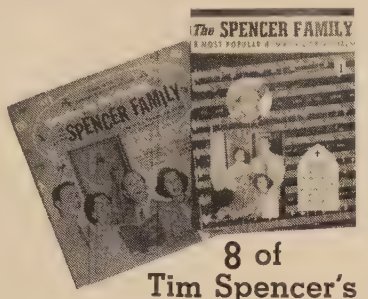
"Hi." She kept her eyes on the boiling eggs.

"Looks like a pretty nice day, huh?"

"Uh-huh." She held Baby Larry and stared out the window. It wasn't raining but that was no guarantee it wouldn't. So many times . . . Thinking of the mountainous wash ahead, she felt suddenly as if she wanted to just walk out and leave everything.

"Hi, Demon," Tom said to Larry as he sat down. "Hi, Goofus." Timmy giggled and reached over his high-chair to pull Tom's hair and his glass of orange juice went splattering over the table.

"Tom!" Cathy picked up the empty glass. "Why do you have to play with him at the table? Every single meal something happens." She began to wipe up the juice.



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"Leave me alone!"

"Look honey." Tom pulled her to her feet, took the cloth from her and sat her down at the table. "You're just all worn out. What you need is to take it easier —"

"The toast!" Cathy jumped to the smoking toaster. Then she turned to Tom, trembling. "You don't need to tell me I'm tired. And you don't need to tell me I'm — I look terrible either, or that I'm — I'm nasty and horrible."

Looking at him, Cathy hated herself. *How in the world can I hurt him like this?* she thought. *But he doesn't understand, he doesn't.* "I still love you, Tom, but everything — everything is just piling up. There doesn't seem to be any real purpose in life. I get so lonesome. You're away so often and since we moved away from home there's nobody else — not even to talk to."

"How about Mrs. Carlson next door? She seems friendly enough."

"I can't get to know old people. Anyhow, she's a fanatic on religion. Always wants to talk about God.

Tom put his arm about her thin shoulders. "But, Cathy, you can't go on forever blaming everything on God." Cathy jerked away from him, her lips set. "All right, all right," Tom said. "We'll drop the subject. Listen, Cathy, you really do need to get out. Tell you what. Tonight we'll get a baby sitter —"

"Timmy'd scream his head off till we got back. He's so spoiled. Oh," she put her head down on the table. "I'm an awful mother, an awful wife, an awful — everything."

Tom patted her shoulder. "Nuts. You phone and see if you can get the Blane girl and get your clothes ready for tonight. You'll see how good it'll do."

Cathy brightened a little, began to feed Pablum to Larry. "All right. You better get my prescription. I really feel dizzy from loss of sleep."

After Tom left, Cathy got the boys cleaned for the day, tidied the house, made the formula and took them with her to the basement. The size of the wash appalled her.

By the time she had everything outdoors ready to hang and had carted the two children after her, she was ready to drop. So many sheets. So many shirts. So many diapers — endless, endless diapers.

Mrs. Carlson, a sturdy complacent-looking woman with sparkling blue eyes and her graying hair done in a roll at the nape of her neck, was coming down her back steps. She was pushing her sixth child off to school, waving and throwing kisses and wav-

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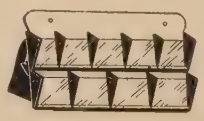

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ing again. "Hello there, Cathy," she called. "Nice day, isn't it?"

"Yes," said Cathy apathetically. "I just hope it stays this way."

"I think I know what you mean. I believe I could have counted dozens of times when it rained the day you washed. Anything I can do to help? I'd really like to."

"No, thanks," Cathy said, almost crossly, and turned toward the lines. She didn't want to even mention rain. If she could just get finished and into the house, maybe the boys would play quietly a few minutes while she laid down.

"Come on," she told Timmy when the hanging was finished. "You'll have to leave the dirt. Hurry up, please. Mama's awfully tired."

But it was too late to lie down, so Cathy got the children some lunch and while she was heating the soup, the room began to darken. *Not already.* She threw some spoons and pans on the floor.

"Here, play with these and don't follow Mama," she said. But it was too late. Before she got the clothes down, they were soaked and she was soaked, her feet sodden and her body shivering. It took a long time to get the clothes wrung out and hung in the basement. The diapers had to be strung around the electric heater. If only somebody, anybody, understood . . . If only God *was* looking down and could — The phone began to ring.

"Yes?"

"Honey," it was Tom and she could tell by his voice that something was wrong.

"Yes? Is everything all right? I'm so sorry I was mean, Tom, but —"

"That was nothing. But, Honey, I'm afraid I've got a real disappointment for both of us. I —"

"You — you mean we can't go out tonight?"

"It's a little more than that. Cathy, I've got to make another trip out of town."

"Oh no! Tom, you can't do it. I tell you, you'll have to say you can't."

"I don't leave till nine so I'll be home for supper."

"All right. Good-by."

Cathy had supper almost ready when Tom got home, and though he tried to be cheerful, she said little. "Here's the prescription." He put the bottle on the sink. "Don't take them unless you have to."

He would be away for three weeks. The endless days stretched ahead like winding dark paths and she alone to walk them. Washes. Screaming children. Sleepless nights. Maybe sickness, maybe accidents. *Accidents.* Maybe some awful accident! Three weeks. She looked at the bottle.

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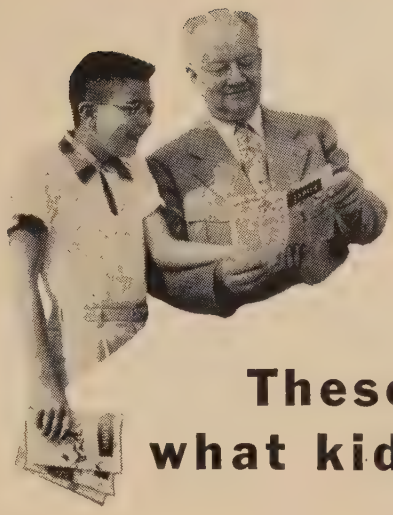

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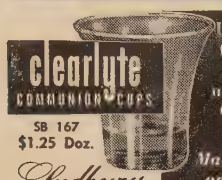

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won't you?" Tom's voice was prodding her.

"Oh, sure. Sure." Cathy couldn't keep her gaze from the bottle. "Tom, I'm so worn out today. If you could take the children for a half hour's walk before supper, it would help. Will you?"

Tom took the boys and Cathy watched till they got to the corner. Then she slowly filled a glass with water at the sink, set it down and read the directions on the bottle. She turned off the heat under the chops so they wouldn't burn, read the directions again. Then she looked down the street once more, took the glass and the bottle of pills and went to the bedroom. One pill after another she swallowed.

She lay down on her bed . . .

Cathy was far, far away when she heard the voices, frightened voices.

"Sit her up, Tom," a woman's voice began, "and put on the coffeepot." Far back on the road, long, long ago. Now she was a little girl again and she was running . . . running . . . down the frightening road. Her parents were dead and there was no one to understand. Something kept thumping inside her. "Go away voices," she wanted to shout. But she was running too fast for her tongue to move. And the darkness had shrouded her eyes.

"Have you called the doctor?" the woman's voice asked.

"I can't get one!" answered the man's. Then the woman repeated a number. Her voice faded and the road grew blacker and Cathy was running breathlessly, in great fear, so fast she couldn't even think anymore . . .

"Left foot, right foot," Cathy heard the woman's voice again, far behind her. "Tom, we'll try the coffee now." Cathy didn't know where her body was but her head was dizzy and she couldn't hold it up, not even open an eyelid. If they'd only leave her alone and drink the coffee, maybe she could finish this awful running. "Ooooooh!"

"Left foot, right foot," said the woman's voice once more. "Cathy! Cathy, you must wake up!"

Wake up? She was running, not sleeping. Sleeping? Had she taken the —the pills after all? Maybe, maybe she wasn't running—or even sleeping. Maybe she was *dying.*

Oh, God, no! I just wanted to sleep. Don't let me die, she thought desperately. *I've been all wrong, so wrong. It wasn't Your fault but I had to blame somebody . . . two blanketed figures . . . a man blubbering apologies . . . at 14 you have to blame somebody.* Cathy heard her voice again. "Please! can't leave Tom — and the children. So many wet washes . . . so tired . . . so many bad memories . . . it seemed like nobody . . . nobody at all . . .

cared. But please don't let me die.

Cathy's head jerked up and she looked at Mrs. Carlson.

"Don't let me die!" Then she sagged again. Sometimes somebody seemed to be pushing her down the road, or pulling her back. Sometimes hot liquid seared her throat. If she could just get her head up . . .

And then she was lying on her bed and a stranger was standing over her. "I'll tell you this much, young man," he was saying, "if it weren't for someone's quick wits, your wife would be dead by this time. Do you think she intended to commit suicide?"

"It was all Mrs. Carlson," said Tom, and then interrupted himself. "Intend — No! How could she? We've got everything. She couldn't — if she did — Cathy, Cathy!" Cathy heard his agonized sobs. She opened her eyes. "Tom," she whispered. Mrs. Carlson poured more coffee down her throat . . .

Two days later Cathy, looking neater than she had in months, her small face still gaunt and pensive, and her blue eyes filled with concern, greeted Mrs. Carlson at the Carlson door to thank her for caring for Timmy and Larry. "Mrs. Carlson, I — I — oh dear, I just don't know how to begin."

"Well," said Mrs. Carlson, "you can just begin with a nice hot cup of coffee and a piece of coconut cake." Mrs. Carlson suddenly flushed. "I *would* mention coffee. I'm sorry, Cathy."

"It's all right," Cathy said. "I'd love some coffee. It's what I came to talk about, anyhow. I'm — I'm sorry to have caused everyone so much trouble. But I wasn't thinking in terms of anybody but myself I guess, how — how terrible life seemed to me."

"I know," Mrs. Carlson told her. "Once, a very long time ago I had long blond hair and I was 20, believe it or not."

"But you never got mixed up like I did."

"No, not quite. The temptations came, as they come to us all, but I already had a Friend who never let me get too lonesome, nor too discouraged, nor too bitter."

Cathy stared at the floor. "Mr. Carlson told Tom all about the terrible sickness you had. That's another reason I — well —" Cathy began to sob. "Oh, Mrs. Carlson, I *meant* to take all those sleeping pills. I hated God so I was learning to hate everybody and everything else. I didn't think you'd ever *do* anything for me, either. I just thought you wanted to preach. . . ." She bit her lip hard. "I know how wrong I was — now. And I know it's the life inside you that counts. Will you tell me how to find — Jesus?"

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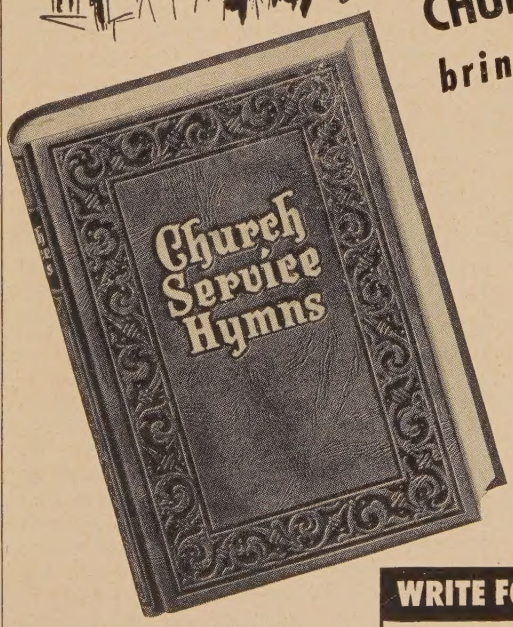

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■ **I let someone assume a lie that I could have set straight, but didn't. If I did anything about it now, it would cause trouble and maybe jeopardize someone's job. What is the right thing to do?**

If the lie was made by another, and you are aware of it, as appears to be the case, then it is your responsibility to call that fact to the attention of that individual. It is his responsibility to make the matter right with those to whom he has lied. If, however, you are involved in the lie, then it would be well for you to say that unless he clarifies the matter completely it will be necessary for you so to do; otherwise you are a partner to the deception.

■ **As a new convert nine years ago I completely stopped wearing make-up, cutting my hair and wearing slacks. My husband, who is not saved, became infatuated with another girl. After that episode I was more careful of my personal appearance. He has asked me to wear lipstick. Shall I let down my standards to win him? I don't want to be a bad influence on my young daughters.**

The Bible says clearly, "likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that if any obey not the word, they may without the Word be won by the conversation (manner of life) of the wives . . . whose adorning let it not be that outward . . . but let it be the hidden man of the heart" (I Peter 3:1-4). I believe that the word "conversation" means all of one's life, which of necessity would include one's appearance. The wife in question should be neat and clean in her appearance (and in her housekeeping also), and keep herself attractive to her husband and her children, and by appearance as well as by word be a good testimony to her neighbors. A Christian should use moderation in the use of cosmetics, and thus be not conformed to the world on one hand nor a "Scarecrow" on the other.

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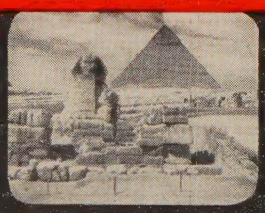

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